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Application for Financial Assistance

From the Australian Outward Bound Development Fund for a Participant Scholarship

The Australian Outward Bound Development Fund

The Australian Outward Bound Development Fund (AOBDF) has been established to enable people to participate in an Outward Bound experience, who, through some form of social or financial disadvantage, would be unable to do so without financial support. Funds through grants and scholarships are made available to assist those with genuine need.

Outward Bound Australia is a non-profit organisation with a mission to give people of all ages with an experience for a lifetime. We try to keep course fees low without affecting the quality or departing from the Outward Bound philosophy.

Funding decisions are based on the information given in this application and money available at the time.

How much will I be expected to pay to attend an Outward Bound course?

All applicants are expected to pay part of the course fee as an investment in their Outward Bound experience. A member of the Outward Bound team will discuss this contribution with each applicant and arrive at an amount he or she can afford. Places on courses are limited; therefore consideration will be based on your commitment to the course. Particulars provided will remain confidential.

How do I apply?

Complete the attached Application Form accurately and honestly. Our assessment is based on what you include, so please give us all the information you think relevant. You must include the completed Confirmation of Circumstances page. Your choice of an "independent responsible person" should be someone whose general standing in the community can be verified and who is not a relative. Please ensure that he/she is aware of our likely contact.

Send the completed Application and Enrolment Form indicating your preferred course. Applications are assessed as soon as possible. Please ensure we have current contact details as we may require more information.

What next?

Once a decision has been made you will be notified. Approval will require the payment of your agreed financial contribution to secure your course position. *Acceptance by you will firmly imply your commitment to attend.* Late withdrawals have resulted in courses running short and others, often in more need, being denied the opportunity. AFTER the course you will be given the chance to thank your sponsor by providing positive feedback on your experience.

Any questions?

Please contact an Outward Bound Client Manager on **FREECALL 1800267 999**

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

For Financial Support Applications

Applications for support are considered against the following criteria as decided by the Board of Directors. These criteria are for assessment of individual, school and regional community applicants. Applicants meeting any one of these criteria will be considered.

1. Those who have been long-term unemployed or under-employed. Long-term unemployed is classified as having been out of work for six months in the past nine months and have actively been seeking employment through this period.
2. Those who have a physical, mental or emotional disability, which limits their access to mainstream recreational activities. Participation in courses is dependent on a doctor or other suitable professional assessment and agreement by that professional that the course is suitable.
3. Sole parents and children of a sole parent, where this is a limiting factor on the family unit's ability to fund participation in non-core life activities.
4. Those of Aboriginal ethnicity and Torres Strait Islanders who, simply through demographics, are likely to become socially excluded or isolated.
5. People from non-English speaking backgrounds, where this is likely to mean low self-confidence and limited opportunities both in the workplace and socially.
6. Special needs groups, who because of a specific factor in their environment, are likely to face persistent barriers to their participation in employment opportunities. For example (though not exclusively):
 - People who are, or have been homeless
 - Wards of the State
 - Ex-offenders, where participation in a course could prove a positive part of their rehabilitation (conditions apply)
 - Drug-users seriously undertaking rehabilitation (conditions apply)
 - Those who have left school before the minimum legal age
7. Those who, as a result of geographical or social isolation, could become isolated from normal social and recreational activities and support mechanisms.
8. Those who can demonstrate financial need as a result of their social environment, family circumstances or other factors deemed appropriate for consideration.

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Please ensure every section is completed (write N/A if a section is not applicable). This form should be completed by the person wishing to attend the course. If the application is for a young person, a parent is encouraged to support them in filling it out. The young person should complete the form.

Applicant Details

Name:		Date of Birth		M/F
Address:		Postcode		
Telephone:		Fax:		
Email:				
Occupation:				

Course and Funding Details

Outward Bound Program:				
Program Date:				
Program Cost:	\$	Personal Contribution:	\$	
AOBDF funding request (discuss with Client Manager)	\$			
Fundraising Ideas				

Application:

Education	Name	Years	Level Reached
School			
Tertiary/Tafe			
Other Study/Training			

Work Experience in last 3 years (if applicable)

Position	Employed (address & telephone)	Contact (Manager/ Supervisor)	Term of Employment	Reason for leaving

If you are receiving any sort of regular Government (or other) benefit please provide information about the benefit and the amount.

In 25 words or more please tell us why you would like to do an Outward Bound Course:

Details of your personal circumstances that will help us decide whether you qualify for financial assistance:

Any other information that may help your application:

In signing this application I confirm that:

- I would like to attend an Outward Bound Course, but would not be able to meet the fees without an AOBDF Scholarship;
- I cannot reasonably gain assistance in meeting the costs of a course from parents or relatives;
- To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(by the person wishing to attend the program)

Office Use Only

Course Code:		Course Date:	
Client Manager:		CM Approval:	
Funding:	Course Fee \$	AOBDF funding:	\$
Sponsor:		AOBDF Approval:	
Notes and Report:			

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONFIRMATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

This form is to be completed by an independent responsible adult after reading the applicant's form. This confirmation provides a key part of our decision making process. As a non-profit organisation it is important that our funds achieve the maximum possible. Any information you think we should be aware of in considering this application would be appreciated. Please complete the form fully. Thank you.

I have known (applicant's full name) _____
For _____ years/months. My relationship to the applicant is that of _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Position: _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Work () _____

Information relevant to this application for financial assistance:

I confirm that I have read through the attached application. To the best of my knowledge the information given is a fair and accurate description of both the applicant and their personal circumstances. I agree to being contacted by Outward Bound to discuss this application, should further information or clarification be needed.

Signed: _____ Date _____