

Memo

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To: Manurewa Local Board
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From: Jane Friend

Subject: Manurewa Local Board Rangatahi Youth Leadership Scholarship Memo

Purpose

1. This memo provides information on the Manurewa Local Board Rangatahi Youth Leadership Scholarships. In particular it focuses on the process leading up to the local board's confirmation of scholarship recipients in February 2017.

Background

2. The Manurewa area has one of the highest proportions of young people under the age of 24 in Auckland. The average annualised rate of young people not in employment education or training in March 2015 was 13 percent; 3 percent higher than the Auckland average. The scholarship scheme is one way that young people from Manurewa can have their potential recognised.
3. The Manurewa Local Board has allocated \$20,000 to fund the Rangatahi Youth Leadership Scholarships, which help realise the board's aspiration that all people are valued and encouraged. The scholarship scheme recognises and financially supports young people who demonstrate leadership potential by enabling them to access:
 - tertiary education or training
 - conferences and events and coaching
 - mentoring
 - learning and development opportunities.
4. The scholarship scheme is now open and will close on 9 December 2016. Local board members are responsible for reviewing the completed applications and deciding which are successful. This is the fifth year that the Manurewa Local Board has funded the scholarship scheme.

Objectives and Criteria of the scholarship

5. Set out below are the objectives and criteria associated with the Manurewa Rangatahi Youth Leadership Scholarship scheme:
 - to assist young people to achieve their potential through tertiary education or training, and through participation in conferences and events both in New Zealand and overseas
 - to invest in and build future leaders in the community

- to provide coaching, mentoring, learning and development opportunities for young people.

Scholarship application criteria

6. This scholarship is open to young people:
- aged 14 - 24 who are New Zealand citizens or residents and reside in the Manurewa Local Board area; and
 - who show leadership potential or have contributed to leadership/volunteer activities during the past 12 months promoting youth participation in the community; and
 - who are undertaking study at a tertiary or training institution in 2017; or
 - who are participating in a conference or leadership development activity.

Decision making process

7. In 2015, the local board delegated decision-making authority for the scholarships to a panel made up of local board members. At the local board's 17 November 2016 business meeting, staff will recommend that the local board again delegates authority to the Rangatahi Youth Leadership Scholarships Panel as per the 2015 process.

Application and decision making timeline

8. The table below shows the remaining key milestones in the scholarship process for 2016:

Task	Date
Communications and engagement commences	Week beginning 5 October 2016
Application process opens	5 October 2016
Application process closes	5.00pm 9 December 2016
Applications processed and compiled for panel's consideration	Week beginning 9 January 2017
Panel members review applications and make decisions	Week beginning 23 January 2017
Successful applicants notified after panel meeting	Week beginning 30 January 2017
Written information report to the board	February business meeting
Evaluation of process to assess any lessons learnt or improvements to be made	After application have been distributed