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To Otago Secondary Schools

As part of our role as a Community Board we would like to engage with the youth of our community.

The Otago Peninsula Community Board (OPCB) offers two scholarships per year to the value of $300 each to assist secondary school aged pupils who live on the Otago Peninsula to participate in leadership opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to, voyages on *STS Spirit of New Zealand*, Outward Bound courses and overseas school study trips. The board would also consider other appropriate courses or opportunities on a case by case basis. The scholarship criteria is as follows:

1. Applicants must be enrolled at a secondary school and be a year 12/13 pupil.
2. The applicant should ideally be a student whose leadership qualities might be developed in participation of such a course.
3. The applicant’s primary residence must be in the area of OPCB (refer to DCC website for the map of the area).
4. The applicant shall apply with a covering letter and resume, including two referees, one may be from their school and one from somebody who knows the applicant professionally, but is not their immediate family.
5. Applicants may be interviewed by an OPCB panel.
6. Successful applicants on completion of their course, are expected to attend an OPCB meeting and give a short presentation on what they gained from the course.
7. They must also within a month of their return, visit one of the primary schools in the OPCB’s area i.e Portobello, MacAndrew Bay and Broad Bay Schools; to tell the students about the course, with the purpose of inspiring younger students.
8. Applications are twice a year; with application dates closing at the end of June (for courses in latter half of the year) and the end of November for courses in the first part of the following year.

We hope this may be of interest to your school and look forward to hearing from you.

Applicants should be sent to the *Otago Peninsula Community Board*

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Yours sincerely

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