



Guidance on applying for Financial Support from Blackpool District for International events – 2020.



If you are reading this then the chances are that you have been chosen for a Scouting International trip of a lifetime whether that be as a leader, young leader or participant. I would like to firstly, on behalf of Blackpool District, congratulate you on having been selected. Having taken part in International events myself, I know that you will have a wonderful time wherever you may be going.

Blackpool District, wherever possible, like to support all eligible members of the District in their International adventures whether that be through specific guidance, encouragement, fundraising or financially. All International participants are encouraged at the earliest opportunity to apply to the District for financial assistance toward what is often a large expenditure (note: Separate rules/conditions apply to World Scout jamboree participants)

In respect of International events taking place between 1st March 2020 and 28th February 2021, participants need to make application in the manner outlined below and for which there is an application form available on the District Website or from the Blackpool District International Co-Ordinator. The application form must be completed in full. There is no guarantee that financial assistance will be granted as every application is reviewed individually by the District Executive who make the final decision. The amount available in any one year is distributed on a pro-rata basis with the amount awarded to each individual dependent upon the number of applications and the cost of the trips. Under certain circumstances the District Executive may choose not to support an international trip, or they may choose to support a trip directly in which case, individual applications for that trip will not be accepted. Applications to attend a Scout Group international trip will not normally be accepted.

Good luck, enjoy your trip and make sure you come back enthused and ready to share your experiences.

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- **For all 2020/early 2021 international events the closing date for receipt of District financial support applications is 6pm 1st March 2020**
- **Applications are open to all ages including leaders so long as the International event is organised by Scouting at whatever level (District/County/National) and subject to compliance with the Blackpool District International Grants Policy.**
- **All applicants must be able to show that on the closing date (1st March 2020) they currently hold an active role within Blackpool District and that they have held an active Scouting role for the previous 2 years (1st March 2018–28th February 2020).**
- **All applications must be submitted on the official District application form.**
- **All applicants must sign the declaration and if you are under 18 at the time of application then your parent/guardian must sign their declaration also.**
- **You may be asked to provide further information or breakdown of costs which will be obligatory for your application to continue to be considered.**
- **Successful applicants will be expected to promote their trip within the District and be prepared to present a post visit report at the District AGM**
- **All applications are scrutinised by the District Executive. Their decision is final.**
- **You will be notified of the outcome of your application by 31st May 2020.**