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## Memo

**To:** ALL Venturers and Venturer Leaders

**cc:** Zone Venturer Leaders (& Assistants) (FOR ACTION)  
Zone Leaders }  
Zone Training Leaders } for  
Zone Air Activities Advisors } information  
Regional Managers } and  
National Venturer Leader and Assistant } follow up

**From:** David Jupp  
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**Date:** 18 July 2015

**Subject:** Walsh Opportunity Scholarships and Fred Kinvig Scholarships

The Walsh Opportunity Scholarships and Fred Kinvig Scholarships are again available for Venturers wishing to attend the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School for the first time as a student during January 2016. Over the last 22 years these scholarships have assisted many Venturers experience the Walsh and a start in an aviation career. Where else can **VENTURERS** get 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours hands on flying, have such an exhilarating experience and two weeks of serious fun?

The Walsh Opportunity Trust was established by a generous grant from Captain Don Offwood, recently retired from Air New Zealand; other Air New Zealand Pilots and people who wish to assist Venturers attend the school.

Fred Kinvig was Director of the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School from 1992 to 1995. Fred unfortunately lost his battle with cancer in August of 1999. In his will he left a scholarship to assist Venturers who would **not normally be financially able to attend the school**.

The scholarships are not for those that just want to attend the school to achieve part of the Queen's Scout Award, although attendance at the school can be used for the award. The idea behind the scholarships is clearly laid out in the criteria below. The value of each scholarship is dependant on the merits and needs of each applicant.

In 2001 a recipient of a scholarship also won the top award at the Walsh – a trophy and \$1750 in prize money for continuation of flying. That money then went a long way towards the start of a career in aviation.

The successful recipients will be selected from the following criteria:

- (1) The applicant must be a registered, financial member of SCOUTS New Zealand, an invested member of a Venturer Unit, and be over 16 years of age at 20 January 2016 and not have had their 19th Birthday.
- (2) The applicant will not have attended previous Walsh Memorial Scout Flying Schools as a student.
- (3) **The applicant will have a burning desire to experience aviation, will want to learn to fly, and will possibly be looking at a career in aviation.**
- (4) They will stand to benefit in personal growth, self-esteem and leadership by attending the school.
- (5) The applicant would under normal circumstances not be able to afford the full fee (\$1790) but would be able to arrange transport to the School. Applicants are expected to make a significant contribution towards the fee.

## Nominations

Zones may nominate any number of Venturers. The only limit is the available funds. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made on merit, however the trusts will endeavour to achieve a broad representation from all Scouting Zones.

## Procedure for Nomination

1. Applicants are to complete the school online registration from the link on the Walsh page of the SCOUTS New Zealand website [scouts.org.nz/walsh](http://scouts.org.nz/walsh). The scholarship application is now part of the school online registration.

On Completion of the online registration the applicant is to forward the registration confirmation email to their Venturer Leader and ask them to comment on their suitability for the scholarship. Points they should consider are; personal attributes such as maturity, ability to get on with others, adaptability, interests in aviation, financial status etc. The Leader is to then forward their email to the Zone Venturer Leader who in turn is to add their endorsement and forward the combined email to [walsh@scouts.org.nz](mailto:walsh@scouts.org.nz) **no later than 31 August 2015**.

2. Zone/Regional Venturer Leaders are to hold Zone selection interviews with a panel normally of 3 people. Selection interviews will normally take about 50 - 60 minutes and will be consistent with other Zones/Regions.

**Where possible interviews should be conducted during the first two weeks of September. The first two weeks of September are usually clear of school exams.**

Subjects covered in the interview are scout assessment, educational achievement, technical knowledge, reasoning, human factors and financial need. A full interview kit will be provided for the selection interviews.

*(It is anticipated the interview panel would consist of the Zone/Regional Venturer Leader, Zone/Regional Air Activities Advisor or Zone/Regional Training Leader and include one nominated representative from the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School.)*

3. After the selection interviews the Zone/Regional Venturer Leaders are to forward all the paperwork to the National Office as soon as possible. **Nominations received without the Zone Venturer Leaders endorsement will not be considered.**
4. The Walsh Opportunity Trust Scholarship panel and Fred Kinvig Scholarship panel will normally make their selection based on the material received however additional information may be requested from nominees and the interview selection panels.

5. Applicants are encouraged to earn money throughout the year and should continue to earn money even though they have applied for a scholarship. Typical costs to attend the school are: -

School fee	\$1790
Class 2 medical certificate	\$250 - \$550
Travel to and from the school at Matamata	.....
Extra flying estimated @\$180.00 per hour as time permits	.....
Spending money	.....

6. The applicant may withdraw at any stage up to the closing date for applications to the school (30th November 2015)

## Zone Nominations

Zone Venturer Leaders are asked to ensure all parts of the Scholarship Application forms and all parts of the interview questionnaires are completed. Please forward all the paperwork to the National Scout Centre, SCOUTS New Zealand, P O Box 11 348, Wellington. 6142 - **as soon as possible after the selection interviews and please no later than 30 September.**