

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**GRANTS FROM THE THOMAS HALL BEQUEST FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS TO ATTEND
CHURCH CAMPS**

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

1. The funding from this bequest is specifically provided to enable children or young adults to attend camps such as PYV Camps, Church Family/ Congregational Camps or conferences such as the annual Engage Conference. The funding is provided to help pay camp fees.
2. In the case of PYV Camps and Church Family/Congregational Camps (but not conferences such as the Engage Conference) applications must only relate to children **under 18 years of age**. Ministers, youth workers and other adults, are ineligible for funding.
3. There should be a genuine need for financial assistance to enable the child or young adult to attend the camp.
4. It is expected that a contribution towards the child's or young adult's camp fees will be made either by their family or by the church involved.
5. The application for funding should be made on the prescribed form which may be down-loaded from the PYV website or is available from the Convener or Secretary of the Social Services Committee. This application is to be approved by the Session of the church and signed by the Minister, an elder or the youth leader.
6. Every effort should be made to lodge the application with the Secretary of the Social Services Committee **at least 4 weeks** prior to the camp for which the funding is being sought.
7. The Social Services Committee encourages churches which apply for funding to provide feedback to the Committee on the benefits derived from the funding. This may include personal testimony from the recipient of the funding or from the youth worker/leader or Minister of the church involved.
8. Normally the Social Services Committee will only contact a church if there is a problem with their application. However the Convener and/or Secretary of the Social Services Committee are available to assist with any concerns regarding an application.