

Individual Student Grant Application Form

Scheme Guidelines and Information

Thank you for requesting information about a Student Grant from Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. The aim of the Student Grant is to assist residents of Stratherrick and Foyers with the costs of study at Further or Higher Education levels. Student grants are also available to assist with lifelong learning and employability.

Students apply for £500 per year of study at colleges and universities. If, for example, you are accepted for a three year course of study, you can apply each year. You will need to make a fresh application to the Trust each year and submit a Completion Report form for the year of study just passed. Grants can be paid for shorter courses at training establishments. Grants are not available to young people still attending secondary school.

Eligibility

- Your home **must** be within the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council Area.
- You **must** be attending – or accepted for attendance - at a Further Education, Higher Education or Training establishment. This is usually a College or University.
- If you already have an Unconditional Acceptance please enclose a copy of this offer and apply now. Your grant will be considered and, if approved, will be offered to you and then paid.
- If you only have a Conditional Acceptance, please enclose a copy of this offer. Your grant application will be considered and, if approved, may be offered to you, but only paid once you can show that you have met the conditions for entry onto your course.
- If you have had a Student Grant from Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust for a previous year, you **must** have submitted a Grant Completion Form for that earlier grant before a further year's grant can be considered. (Completion Forms are available on request to the Administrator or from the 'Grants System' page on the Trust's website – see below for the link.) Please let us know your academic progress if you have had a grant from the Trust for previous courses of study.
- Student Grants are limited to one per year per applicant, and to a maximum of £500 per year per student. Student Grants run per academic year. (August to June)
- If you are undertaking an on-line course of study, for example with the Open University, you will be asked for additional documents confirming your registration.

WARNING

If you are allocated a place at a training course at short notice, please contact us by phone.

The Trust cannot accept retrospective grant applications.

Grant process

Please complete and return the application form with a copy of the Course Acceptance Letter. You will receive a confirmation of receipt from the Trust Administrator. Your application will be placed on a list following the next closing date for applications (there is a closing date every two months). Your application will be assessed by Trust Directors or delegated staff and considered by a meeting of the Trust Board (Grant Meetings take place every two months). You will be informed of the decision of the Board by the Trust Administrator soon after the Grant meeting. The Board may approve your grant application, decline your grant application or request more information. Grants approved are normally paid by cheque.

TRUST FUNDING

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust uses funds it receives from renewable energy companies to support a range of community and individual grant schemes. The Student Grant Scheme is supported by funds from the community benefit money received from SSE's windfarm at Dunmaglass and SSE's Glendoe hydro-electric scheme, Greencoat UK Wind's Corriegarth windfarm, the Knockie Hydro and the Easter Aberchaldar Partnership's wind turbine. Full details of all the grant types are available on the Trust's website. www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk Grants System information and downloads of Grant Application Forms and Completion Report Forms are at www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/grants-system.

PUBLICITY AND THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Remember, if you are awarded a grant then your name and the amount of the grant will be made public and appear on the list of grants approved by the Trust on the Trust website. This information is made public to demonstrate how funds are being used and to encourage other applicants to use the grant scheme.

Please check the Trust's PRIVACY POLICY on the Trust website at www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk

If you need help or have any questions about the grant process please contact

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