



Clyde Borders Community Fund Youth Bursary Guidelines

Before you begin

Please note: this form is only for youth bursary applications to the Clyde (Borders) Wind Farm Community Fund.

Application forms can be requested from SSE or from your local community council. These documents will be updated from time to time. Please make sure you have the latest version.

Key information

What is the youth bursary?	The youth bursary is intended to assist children aged up to 18 to access courses and participate in sport and artistic endeavours. The process of applying for and receiving a grant is intended to be relatively quick and light touch, and will be managed by your local Community Council.
How much can I apply for using this application form?	Whilst there is technically no upper limit, there is only a limited amount available annually. Therefore, for larger grants it may be worth applying to the Clyde Borders Fund. For more information please contact Gareth Shields at gareth.shields@sse.com or on 0141 224 7712.
Where does this money come from?	Clyde Wind Farm (Scotland) operates a 152 turbine wind farm in the Clyde Valley. The Clyde (Borders) Community Fund has been established as a means of enabling us to contribute to the communities located around the wind farm.
Which areas can benefit from the fund?	The community council areas of Skirling, Upper Tweed and Tweedsmuir in the Scottish Borders.
How do I apply for the youth bursary?	Individuals and groups seeking a grant should contact their Community Council, who will be able to explain the application process.
When can I apply?	There is no closing date for applications for the youth bursary and applications can be accepted at any time.
When are decisions made?	<p>The Community Council will inform you by letter of the outcome of your application as soon as possible, but the timescale will depend on when community council meetings are held.</p> <p>Please note that applications submitted immediately before a meeting may not be considered until the following meeting.</p>
Who can apply?	Applications can be accepted from groups – including those who don't have a written constitution or set of rules – and individuals. The beneficiaries of any grant must be younger than 18 years of age and living in one of the three community council areas: Skirling, Upper Tweed or Tweedsmuir.
What can the youth bursary be used for?	Activities which:





- Encourage participation in sporting and artistic activities;
- Allow access to sport and artistic pursuits which may be beyond their reach due to rural isolation.
- Tutor and other fees which would otherwise be prohibitive due to location and isolation.

Are there any activities you're unable to support?

- Projects which do not benefit people living within the community council areas of Skirling, Upper Tweed or Tweedsmuir.
- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- The purchase of second hand vehicles.
- Costs of energy consumption.
- Travel Abroad.
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Applications that are for the sole benefit to flora and fauna. Applicants are invited to demonstrate the direct benefit to the local community and/or service users in cases where the grant application is concerned with flora and fauna.
- Anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of SSE and its subsidiaries.

Additional information

- You may only apply for one grant at a time.
- If your application is successful, you will not be able to reapply for another grant for 12 months has elapsed, although in exceptional circumstances the Community Council may decide to waive this.
- If your application is unsuccessful, you may reapply immediately.
- Any grant received must be spent within one year of being awarded.
- Applying for, or holding, a grant from the scheme does not prevent constituted, not for profit groups and organisations from applying for a grant from any other grant-making programme operated through the Clyde (Borders) Community Fund provided that the application is not to support the same project or activity.
- Please bear in mind that requests for grants are likely to exceed the limited amount of funding available and not all applications will be successful.

Completed forms should be sent to your local Community Council

Please contact to your local community council using the details below.

If you wish to know which Community Council you live in, information and maps can be found in the Community Council section of Scottish Borders Council's website www.scotborders.gov.uk/

Skirling

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Upper Tweed

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Tweedsmuir

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