



Scholarship Guidance Notes

Stronelairst and Dunmaglass Wind Farm Local STEM Scholarship Fund

Stronelairst and Dunmaglass Wind Farms are two joint ventures owned by SSE Renewables and Greencoat UK Wind Plc. Stronelairst Wind Farm is set 600m above sea level in the Monadhliath mountain range near to Loch Ness in the Garrogie Estate south east of Fort Augustus, making it one of our windiest sites. It boasts 66 turbines with an installed capacity of 228MW.

Dunmaglass Wind Farm is set even higher at 700m above sea level and is located 25km south of Inverness on the Dunmaglass Estate. With 33 turbines, this site has an installed capacity of 94MW.

The wind farm has contributed significantly to socio-economic benefits of the Scottish economy during construction and operation including, job creation, skills training, opportunities for local and Scotland-wide businesses.

Central to the wind farm's strategy includes consistently building value for society while investing in electricity infrastructure needed for the transition to net zero. Furthermore, the bedrock to continued impact is our long-term commitment to communities living near our sites. This is demonstrated by the £34.2m community fund value over the course of the life cycle of both the Stronelairst and Dunmaglass Wind Farms.

The wind farm now is investing further into the community with the establishment of a scholarship fund to aid education in STEM subjects.

Stronelairst and Dunmaglass Wind Farms are providing scholarships of £5,000 to students undertaking STEM degrees. The scholarship is to be used towards the scholar's student loan, thereby reducing the amount for repayment at time of graduation. 2 awards will be made to different students every year for the duration of the fund programme.

Fund Eligibility

To be considered for the Stronelairst and Dunmaglass Wind Farm STEM Scholarship, applicants must:

- Have a home address in one of the designated community council areas:
 - Stratherrick and Foyers
 - Strathdearn
 - Strathnairn
 - Laggan
 - Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston
 - Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
 - Glengarry
- Be undertaking a STEM based full or part time course at a UK college or university in the academic year 2023/24.
- Will be in receipt of a loan from the Student Loans Company for academic year 2023/24.

Scholarship Fund Criteria

The fund will make awards based on:

Applicant demonstrating that at least 50% of their course is spent undertaking STEM subjects.

Applicants demonstrating that they are currently undertaking a degree at a UK university or equivalent at college in the academic year 2023/24.

If the fund is oversubscribed priority will be given to applicants closest to the wind farm's primary site within each local authority area.

You will be informed of the outcome (successful or unsuccessful) of your application by the end of September 2023, however, due to the high volume of anticipated applications, feedback will not be given.

Scholarship Fund Terms and Conditions

- The Stronelaig Wind Farm and Dunmaglass Wind Farm decision is final.
- Each Scholarship is for the named person on the application only.
- The Scholarship is to be used in support of living expenses and tuition fees (if applicable). The funding will be paid directly to the Student Loans Company.
- The Scholar must take part in the promotion of this Scholarship and may be asked to participate in having their photograph taken and providing a personal statement for use in promotional material. The Scholar's personal data (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by SSE Renewables and will only used for purposes related to the Scholarship.
- If requested the Scholar must attend a Scholarships & Awards Ceremony (date and location to be confirmed) to be formally presented with the award.
- The scholar commits to informing, Stronelaig Wind Farm, Dunmaglass Wind Farm and SSE Renewables of their job and sector on completion of their degree.
- The Scholar should commence their programme of study during the academic year of 2023/24. Authorised postponements will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.
- Stronelaig Wind Farm, Dunmaglass Wind Farm and SSE Renewables reserves the right to investigate and possibly withdraw a person from the Scholarship programme if there is adequate proven evidence of illegal activities discovered.
- Stronelaig Wind Farm, Dunmaglass Wind Farm and SSE Renewables reserves the right to make reasonable changes to this contract at any time and will advise the Scholar if this occurs, as and when required.
- You can only receive one scholarship from the fund.

Application Form

Application form, Terms and Conditions & Declaration – [access the online form](#).