



NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Educational Grant Scheme

Who Can Apply

This scheme is open to anyone between the age of 16 and 30 years who fits the following criteria;

- a) a member of Nottinghamshire Young Farmers, Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society or any other Nottinghamshire show society who wishes to complete a personal development project funded in full, or partially by this scheme, ie attending a specific conference in the UK or overseas that would be beneficial to your course, work or future career or
- b) a student undertaking or planning to undertake a course related to agriculture, horticulture or rural crafts at a college in Nottinghamshire or
- c) a Nottinghamshire resident attending a relevant course at a college elsewhere in the UK

The highest priority is given to Nottinghamshire residents who are studying agriculture or related courses at a Nottinghamshire institution and are current members of a Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society or Notts YFC.

What is the Value of the Grant

The maximum value of these grants is £1,000 per applicant, depending upon an individual student's circumstances but, in order to qualify for a maximum grant, the applicant must be a member of the Society. As a guide, there will be a reduction of £100 for applications from non-members. Having been awarded an amount of less than £1,000 does not preclude an applicant from submitting a subsequent request for further funds at a later date to a maximum of £1,000 in total, providing they still meet the criteria above.

How to Apply

You should submit your application - either handwritten or typed - with a covering letter to:-

Chief Executive Officer,
Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society
The County Showground
Winthorpe
Newark
Notts
NG24 2NY

Please note that email applications will NOT be accepted.

Your application should be no more than 600 words long and must include the following information:

- Why you want to do/are doing your chosen course/project
- How it fits in with the charitable aims of the Society: to promote agriculture and the agricultural industry
- How a grant/scholarship would make a difference to you
- What you plan to do after the course/project ends

- How the Society would benefit if you were successful in obtaining a grant
- What is the amount of grant money you are applying for
- The proposed costs of the course, programme or event and how much funding you already have towards it, if any
- General background information about yourself
- Any work experience or voluntary experience that you may have
- Any other information relevant to the application
- Contact details for two referees who will be contacted
- Complete the attached contact details, and Consent Section which allows third parties to access your references

An up-to-date CV should also be submitted with your application, which **must** be signed and dated.

When is the Closing Date?

The closing date for applications is **Monday 21 December 2009** with the decision being notified to applicants as soon as possible after the interviews in **January 2010**.

How will the Grant be Paid?

Applicants will normally not receive any funding until receipts or invoices have been submitted. Please note that this award does not cover expenditure on accommodation, tuition fees, Trades Union, political or Student Union fees. Any claims that are found to be fraudulent will immediately result in the loss of the award and disqualify the student from any future awards from the Society.

Any money awarded **MUST** be spent before the end of the Society's financial year, ie the end of June following the date of the award. There is no provision for any monies to be carried over into the following financial year and, therefore, funds not claimed by then will be forfeited.

The Society reserves the right to take the appropriate action necessary to recover any unauthorised expenditure.

Please note that any grant is offered on a competitive basis, and therefore, not all applications will be successful. Grants will be made to those applicants whom the Panel feels are most deserving of a grant. The Panel's decision is final. Applicants applying for a grant in excess of £500, will be required to attend an interview prior to confirmation of their award. The interviews will be held at Newark Showground on a Saturday morning in January. You should treat this as a formal interview and candidates are encouraged to dress appropriately.

Attending the Newark & Notts County Show

Applicants should be aware that they may be required to give a demonstration or presentation, relevant to their project/work, at the County Show. All grant recipients **must agree** to attend the Educational Grant Scheme Presentation, by the Society's President, on the Saturday of the County Show. The County Show is held the second full weekend in May.

THE FOLLOWING FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED, PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION

NAME:

ADDRESS:
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..... **POST**
CODE:.....

Tel **No:**
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Mobile Tel No:

Email Address:
(Please print clearly)

DOB: **Amount of Grant Applied For:**

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Please date and sign this Consent Section to confirm that you agree with the following statement:-

I consent to the Society taking up my references and confirm that the referees are aware that they might be contacted in respect of this grant application.

I also consent to my details and, if successful in obtaining a grant, my photograph being used for publicity purposes. I understand that my personal details will not be held or used for any reason other than as a direct result of my application for a grant and that, under no circumstances, will they be passed to a third party.

Name: (Please print)

Date:

Signature: