



Education and Development Grant Scheme - 2017

CAN I APPLY?

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

1. Is a member of Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society, the Nottinghamshire Young Farmers, or any other Nottinghamshire show society who wishes to complete a personal development project funded in full, or partially, by this scheme, i.e. attending a specific conference in the UK or overseas that would benefit their personal development or training, work or future career in the agricultural industry or
2. Is a student undertaking a course directly related to agriculture, horticulture or rural crafts at a college in Nottinghamshire or
3. Is a Nottinghamshire resident attending a relevant course at a college elsewhere in the UK who is planning to return to their home county to work.

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

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

The maximum value of these grants is £750 per applicant and to qualify for a maximum grant, the applicant **must be a member** of the Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society or willing to take out membership before the award is granted. Applications from non-members who otherwise meet the above criteria will be considered but the award will be limited to a maximum of £250. The Society's decision is final when deciding on the amounts to be awarded.

Applicants who are awarded less than £750 will be able to submit a subsequent request for further funds in a following year, to a maximum of £750 in total, providing they still meet the criteria above. Anyone who receives a first grant over £250, but less than £750, must still have current membership of the Society when applying for a subsequent award. Such "top-up" awards will only be granted to full members.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please submit your application 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:

- Which Nottinghamshire agricultural society or Notts YFC branch do you belong to?
- Why you want to do your chosen course/project?
- How does it fit in with the charitable aims of the Society which is ‘to promote agriculture and the agricultural industry’?
- How would a grant/scholarship make a difference to you and what do you plan to do after the course/project ends, ie look for work, further education?
- What is the amount of grant money you are applying for and how much, if any, of the funding have you already raised towards it?
- Please include some general background information about yourself and any work experience or voluntary experience that you may have, along with any other information relevant to the application
- Include contact details for two referees who will be contacted and don't forget to 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 24 March 2017 with interviews being held for applications of more than £250 towards the beginning of April 2017.

IF I'M SUCCESSFUL, WHEN WILL MY GRANT BE AWARDED?

Grants are awarded after the Nottinghamshire County Show has been held on the second weekend in May. Successful applicants will be invited to attend a presentation by the Society's President, Geoffrey Bond OBE DL and failure to attend the presentation will result in your award being forfeited. Immediately after the Nottinghamshire County Show, payments will be made to the successful applicants providing that receipts have been received to the value of the allocated grant.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Under no circumstances will grants be paid in advance.
- 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.
- The grants are 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.

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

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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

Tel No:

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: