



Student Grant Information and Guidelines

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 a maximum of £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 for the year of study just passed. Grants can be paid for shorter courses at training establishments based on the following:

- £100 for courses up to 1 month or 20 hours
- £250 for courses from 1 - 3 months or up to 40 hours
- £400 for courses 3 - 6 months or up to 80 hours
- £500 for courses 6 months - 1 year or up to 100 hours

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 (usually a College or University).
- If you already have an Unconditional Acceptance, please enclose a copy of this offer and apply now. Your grant application will be considered and, if approved, will be offered to you and then paid.
- If you 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 once you can show you have met the conditions of entry to your course.
- If you have previously had a Student Grant from Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust, you must submit a Grant Completion Report before a further grant can be considered. Completion forms are found on the Trust website or from the Trust Administrator: admin@sfctrust.org.uk
- Student Grants are limited to one per year per applicant, and to a maximum of £500 per year per student.
- Student Grants are run per academic year (August to June).
- If you are undertaking an online or distance learning course, you may be asked to supply additional information.



Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust student grants do not cover:

- Repeated periods of study.
- Training that has already taken place or has been previously completed.

IMPORTANT

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 processed and then assessed by Trust staff members and considered by Trust Directors at a Trust Board Meeting. The Trust Administrator will inform you of the decision made by the Board soon after the meeting. Your grant may be approved, declined or a request for additional information made. Grants are normally paid via BACS or 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 Aberchalder 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 links to the application forms and completion report form can be found here: www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/grants-system.

Publicity and 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

Further help:

If you need help to fill out the application form, please contact:
Kirsteen Campbell, SFCT Administrator: admin@sfctrust.org.uk

