

**Midlothian Council - Education, Communities and Economy
Educational Trust Fund**

Guidance for Applicants

About the Educational Trust Fund

Midlothian Council awards Educational Trust Fund grants to individuals for the benefit of Midlothian residents between the ages of 16 and 25 years living in specific areas of Midlothian (as designated by the trust fund).

Grants of up to £500 are awarded. Grants can be made for higher education, further education, training, activity agreements, volunteering, modern or trade apprenticeships. See under Eligibility for more details.

1. Eligibility

Applicants must be between the age of 16 and 25 years.

You must live in the following areas to qualify:

- Borthwick
- Cranston
- Dalkeith
- Fala
- Gorebridge
- Loanhead
- Newtongrange
- Temple

Grants are awarded for people undergoing:

- Higher education
- Further education
- Training
- Activity agreements
- Volunteering
- Modern or trade apprenticeships

Purpose of the grant is to provide support with:

- the provision of special equipment including equipment, tools, fees and books
- educational excursions
- professional child care costs to allow participation in education, training, volunteering, apprenticeships and activity agreements
- initial travel costs

The grant need not be used specifically for these purposes. All applications will be considered on an individual basis.

We **do not** accept applications from:

- Organisations (local authorities, community councils, police services, NHS, schools, etc)
- Private businesses

We only accept applications from individuals

2. Our Funding Priorities

Projects must fit within the following themes:

- Employability
- Confidence building
- Increasing knowledge and skills
- Promoting social inclusion and equal opportunities
- Engaging with young people, particularly those experiencing disadvantage

We **cannot** fund:

- Social/leisure activities

3. How your application will be assessed

We will assess your application against a list of criteria that reflect our priorities. It is important that you submit a fully completed application to us by the deadline. **We will not consider late applications.**

4. Evaluation

All individuals receiving funding will be expected to complete an evaluation form around 3 months after receipt of the grant. Recipients will be asked to provide copies of all receipts/invoices for expenditure related to the grant at this time.

For further information please contact:

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