

Information, criteria and application form



Somerset Youth Bank

An innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people aged 11-19 and up to 25 for those with additional needs.

The Youth Bank provides grants of up to £350 to help disadvantaged young people to participate in positive activities.



www.somersetyouth.co.uk



What is Youth Bank?

Somerset Youth Bank offers individual grants of up to £350 to enable disadvantaged young people to access positive activities. Applications are assessed by a panel of trained young people from the UK Youth Parliament Advisory Group.

Who are the young grant-makers?

The experiences of the young people who award the grants are wide and varied. The group meets monthly to assess applications and the young people receive training in grant-making.

If you would like to find out more about the UK Youth Parliament Advisory Group or are interested in becoming a member please visit www.somersetyouth.co.uk, contact the Youth and Community Service on 01823 349852 or email youthservice@somerset.gov.uk

What are positive activities?

By 'positive activity' we mean an activity taking place outside normal education hours that helps young people gain new personal skills or develop existing skills. Positive activities are not primarily focused on education or employability.

Guidance notes:

- Please read the information carefully to ensure your application meets the criteria.
- Ensure you have completed every section of the form and ask your supporting adult to complete their section.
- You can continue on a separate sheet if there isn't enough room for you to give as much information as you want.
- You can include supporting information with your application if you wish – but make sure it's all relevant and useful!

Please note:

- Youth Bank grants are available for disadvantaged young people. You should clearly state how you meet this criteria.
- Somerset Youth Bank may not be able to fund 100% of the grant applied for.
- Successful applicants must complete monitoring forms as requested.

The panel's decision is final

Criteria and Conditions

- Somerset Youth Bank aims to enable disadvantaged young people to take part in positive activities.
- Young people aged 11-19 years, up to 25 years for young people with additional needs, can apply for these grants.
- The young person should complete the form themselves unless they are unable to do so, in which case the reason for this should be stated.
- Applications for personal equipment or transport are not encouraged unless a strong case is made to show there are special circumstances.
- Each application must be supported by a responsible adult. This adult must not have a 'personal' connection to the applicant, or a connection to the provider who will gain financially from the grant.
- The applicant must live in Somerset, however the activity may take place outside Somerset.
- Applicants can only make one application per financial year (1st April – 31st March) and priority will be given to applicants who have not applied before.
- The maximum grant is £350, there is no minimum.
- The grant will be paid direct to the activity provider. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange for them to submit an invoice for payment.
- We will not fund anything that promotes religious or political beliefs.
- Youth Bank grants cannot be used to pay for driving lessons.
- The application must be from an individual and not a group.
- Funding will only be awarded for activities outside normal education times.
- The activity must not be primarily aimed at education or training for employment.
- If the actual cost of the activity is less than the grant awarded, the remainder must be returned to Somerset Youth Bank.
- The activity must begin within three months of the grant being awarded. If not the funding will be withdrawn.
- You should negotiate with the activity provider to get the best value for money.

Please send the completed application form to:

Youth & Community Service
Holway Centre, Byron Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2JD

Please note: This page will be removed from your application to ensure it is kept anonymous when being assessed. Any information on the rest of the form **will** be seen by the young people assessing the application so please ensure you only use initials etc so the information given does not identify you.

Young person's contact details

Name:

Home address:
(including postcode)

Date of Birth:

Telephone Numbers:
Home:

Mobile:

Email Address:

Young person's declaration:

I confirm that any funding awarded will be spent on the activities specified in this application. I have negotiated the best value for money. I confirm that I understand and will comply with the funding criteria and conditions set out at the beginning of this form.

Signed:

Name: (please print) Date:

About the applicant:

Age:

Do you belong to any of the following group(s) who are often disadvantaged?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young carer | <input type="checkbox"/> Looked after young person or care leaver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young person with a disability
(please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Low income family in receipt of means
tested benefit (evidence will be required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Involved with the Youth Offending Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or minority ethnic group
(please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosed mental health condition or
supported by CAMHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other
(please specify below) |

Additional information:

Activity details

How much money are you applying for?
(this can be no more than £350)

£

Please give a description of what you want the money for, including dates if it's for a specific event:

How will the money benefit you?

(include any skills you will learn and how you believe it will make things better for you in the future)

Please provide a breakdown of the costs:

(this should clearly show how you arrived at the figure you applied for. Please attach any quotes, price lists etc. that you have to illustrate this)

Who will be the activity provider?

Are you applying for any other funding to help with the cost of this activity? If so please explain:

Supporting adult's details

Please ask your supporting adult to fill in this section and sign the declaration on the next page.

Name:

Organisation:

Job title / position:

Relationship to applicant:

Address:

Telephone numbers:

Office:

Mobile:

Email address:

Supporting adult's comments to support this application:

Supporting adult's declaration:

I confirm that I will support the young person applying for this Youth Bank grant to ensure they comply with the funding criteria and conditions under which the award may be granted. I will ensure to the best of my knowledge that the young person regularly attends any activity they are funded for and if they fail to attend I will inform the Youth & Community Service.

Signed:

Name:

(please print)

Date: