

THE CAMERON TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Background

The Trust is an Endowment Trust which was established by John B. Cameron CBE, Balbuthie Farm, Fife in 2007 to: -

1. Provide funding for agricultural students domiciled in Scotland and training in Scotland for a career in agriculture for the purpose of broadening their education and understanding of agriculture in other countries; and
2. Provide funding to assist pupils from Dollar Academy, Dollar, Clackmannanshire, to travel abroad for the purpose of broadening their education and understanding of the world.

The Trust currently has eight Trustees: -

John B. Cameron CBE, Balbuthie
Margaret Cameron MBE, Balbuthie
David Walker BA, CA, FCCA, Accountant, Thomson Cooper, Dunfermline
Andrew Weatherley LLB, NP, Lawyer, Stevenson & Marshall, Dunfermline
Jim McLaren, President, National Farmers' Union of Scotland
Finlay Clark, Chartered Surveyor, Bidwells, Fort William
John Robertson MA, Rector, Dollar Academy
John Bell, Farmer, Colinsburgh, Fife

Where Funding Can be Given

For agricultural students, the geographic area covered by the Trust relates to students domiciled in Scotland. Funding can be given to pupils attending Dollar Academy regardless of their domicile.

Applications will be considered from those involved in agriculture who are not attending a University or College but can clearly demonstrate that they are undertaking structured learning whilst working on a farm.

What is Likely to be Funded

(1) Agricultural Students

Projects, activities and travel abroad which can be clearly demonstrated to benefit the student for the purpose of broadening their education and understanding about agriculture in other countries. This should include proposals that are innovative and those which benefit those agricultural students under the age of 25 are given a greater chance of approval. Emphasis is also given to those students who can demonstrate financial difficulty in funding such trips themselves.

(2) Dollar Academy

Projects, activities and plans which involve travel abroad for the purpose of broadening students' education and understanding of the world. Proposals that are innovative and far reaching and which can demonstrate a particular impact on the young person are looked at with interest, together with those cases where the student or their family could not afford to fund such trips themselves.

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What is Likely to be Funded (continued)

Funds distributed each year will be in equal proportion in respect of these two sources of application.

Trustees recognise that the length of trips will vary but the trust is unlikely to fund trips which last for more than 12 months.

The Trust may contribute all or part of the cost of the application, depending on the individual application. Eligible cost headings may include:-

Travel, accommodation, Visas, inoculations, training, equipment and insurance.

Please note that all costs must directly link to your application and its delivery. You must be able to explain why the costs are necessary and show how they have been calculated.

Appropriate living costs may also be awarded.

What is not Likely to be Funded

Holidays and trips with no clear purpose.

Applications outwith the geographic scope of the Trust.

Business start up costs and commercial enterprises are excluded.

Type of Funding

Principally single grants. A typical grant might lie between £1,000 to £10,000, with payment being made in stage payments or lump sum, dependent upon the needs of each application. Part funding may also be considered.

Application Process

Trustees meet at least twice a year to consider applications which can be submitted at any time. Application forms are available from and should be submitted to Thomson Cooper, 3 Castle Court, Carnegie Campus, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 8PB (telephone 01383 628800 or email dwalker@thomsoncooper.com).

Applications will be short listed for interview. Applicants should therefore provide sufficient information on the application form to allow selection for interview. Precise detailed information of, for instance, travel costs is not required at this stage. Estimates should be made, as long as they are realistic.

If any answer box is insufficient in size for your answer please continue on a separate/schedule clearly marked with the number of the box to which it refers.

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Application Process (continued)

Where possible, applications will be acknowledged and further information may be sought. Once all the necessary background is available, the application will be considered in the first instance by the Rector & Governors of Dollar Academy in respect of Dollar Academy pupils and by the Board of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland in respect of agricultural students. When a grant is awarded, the recipient will be notified in writing of any related terms and conditions which apply. These will include the take-up of the grant within a twelve month period. If an application is unsuccessful, the Trust is unlikely to consider a further application within twelve months.

As part of the terms and conditions of the grant, the candidate must prepare a full report to be submitted to the Trustees within two months of the student completing the trip. The report should include a written log of the candidate's travels, together with a summary of the benefits derived.