

Scout Foundation Northern Ireland

The Northern Province Environmental Projects Bursary



Introduction

Scouting adventure and activity is something that is very synonymous with being in the outdoor environment and connecting with the nature and land all around us.

Environmental concerns wrought by the impacts of climate change and in our concern for how we manage and look after the places we live, the wildlife around us and the native trees and plants that create the woodlands and forests that we as Scouters use, are ever more prevalent issues that youth members are ever more increasingly aware of.

As such, through the SFNI Programme Lead role and supported by Education Authority funding, a small bursary (**£150.00**) is being made available for Northern Province groups to apply to. The aim of this is in supporting groups to take part in or create activities that impact positively on the environment and/ or enhance the conservation of the world around us and develop learning and understanding in this area for the young people with who we support.

Environmental Bursary Scheme

The aim of this bursary is to provide Scouting Ireland youth members the opportunity to engage with and develop learning and understanding of environmental or conservation concerns and to support Scouters in facilitating a project or activity that enables a positive change in this area.

Examples of what this means includes (but not limited to):

- Purchasing specific tools, equipment, or materials to assist in the delivery of training and/ or completion of an environmental activity for members of a group/ section.
- Supporting the delivery of an activity that develops environmental/ conservation learning and understanding for group/ section members.
- Sourcing external facilitators or engage with external organisations to deliver a project that responds to providing opportunities to learn about and challenge an environmental/ conservation issue or concern.

The **£150.00 bursary is open to all Northern Province SI Groups and Sections**, this meaning that a Beaver section and Venture section from the same SI Northern Province Group can apply for a £150.00 bursary independent of each other.

Please note that all money awarded must be spent and receipted for by no later than midday Friday 17th March 2023

Completed application forms to be sent to Drew – drew@sfni.org

Environmental Projects Bursary

Date _____

SFNI Supported by Education Authority Funding

Group/ Section name	
Group & Address	
No. of Youth Members	
No. of Scouters	
Contact Name/ Position	
Email/ Mob No.	
1) Proposal	
What will the bursary be used for?	
2) What will be the impact of the Bursary for you and the local community?	
3) Proposed Costing – brief overview	
Scouters agree to monitor all associated spending and provide original receipts	
	✓
Scouters agree to provide photographic evidence and a report/ evaluation document	
	✓

 To submit the application or ask any questions email to drew@sfni.org

Contact No. - 07496312656

The small print

- The “**Environmental Bursary**” scheme is supported by SFNI through the Programme Lead role, supported by Education Authority funding.
- The “**Environmental Bursary**” grant is available to Northern Province Scouting Ireland groups only.
- Applications **must be submitted** before/ or on **1/03/2023** and provide detail of what the bursary will be used for and how it will impact on group members and/ or the wider community. **Delivery of the proposal must be completed by 17/03/2023.**
- If successful, groups will receive payment via their Groups bank account on receipt of all required information to arrange a BACS payment or similar.
- The purchase of ICT equipment (Tablets/ Chromebooks) or Software Licences is **not permissible**. Nor are membership fees externally or internally.
- Equipment spend **may not exceed £99.99 per item** and you must provide a rationale for purchase if required.
- Groups/ Sections in receipt of the grant **must agree** to keep all **original receipts** associated with the spending of the grant and make available as requested. **Provide photographic evidence** for delivery of the proposal and **complete a short reporting/ evaluation document** regards learning and impact for youth members and Scouters in engaging with this scheme.