



CLYDE WIND FARM SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDANCE

What is the Clyde Wind Farm Scholarship Fund and who does it benefit?

Clyde Wind Farm is one of Europe's biggest operational wind farms. Clyde Windfarm (Scotland) Ltd is a joint venture partnership between SSE Renewables, Greencoat UK Wind Plc and GLIL Corporate Holdings Ltd. Located south of Biggar in the Southern Uplands it has 206 turbines with an installed capacity of 522MW, generating enough renewable energy to power over 290,000 homes. The wind farm has contributed over £220m of socio-economic benefits to the Scottish economy during construction and operation including, job creation, skills training, opportunities for local and Scotland-wide businesses.

Central to the wind farm's strategy includes consistently building value for society while investing in electricity infrastructure needed for the transition to net zero. Furthermore, the bedrock to continued impact is our long-term commitment to communities living near our sites. This is demonstrated by the community benefit fund which is available over the course of Clyde Wind Farm's life cycle.

The wind farm continues to invest into the community with the establishment of a scholarship fund to aid education in STEM subjects.

Clyde Wind Farm is providing scholarships of £5,000 to students undertaking STEM degrees. The scholarship is to be used towards the scholar's student loan, thereby reducing the amount for repayment at time of graduation. Six awards will be made to different students every year for the duration of the fund programme.

Who should I contact for more information?

SSE Renewables supports the administration of the fund and Colin McMillan, Community Investment Manager can provide further information on the fund. They can be contacted at colin.mcmillan@sse.com or 01738 344360.

What are the application timescales?

The fund opens once a year for applications on **1st June**. The deadline for applications to be considered is **13th September**.

Who can apply for funding?

To be considered for a Clyde Wind Farm Scholarship, applicants must:

- Have a home address in either South Lanarkshire, Scottish Borders, or Dumfries & Galloway (we will refer to this as your Registered Address).
- Be undertaking a STEM based course, on a full time or part time basis, at a UK college or university in the academic year immediately following the application for a scholarship.
- Be in receipt of a loan from the Student Loans Company for the academic year immediately following the application for a scholarship.





Scholarship fund criteria

The fund will make awards based on:

- Applicant demonstrating that at least 50% of their course is spent undertaking STEM subjects.
- Applicants demonstrating that they are currently undertaking a degree at a UK university or equivalent at college in the academic year immediately following the application for scholarship.
- If the fund is oversubscribed priority will be given to applicants closest to the wind farm's primary site within each local authority area.

You will be informed of the outcome (successful or unsuccessful) of your application by the end of September 2023. However, due to the high volume of anticipated applications, feedback will not be given.

What does the fund support?

Clyde Wind Farm provides scholarships to students from the immediate area surrounding the wind farms who are undertaking **STEM** degrees. The scholarship grant is to be used towards the scholar's student loan, thereby reducing the amount for repayment at time of graduation. Two awards of £5,000 will be made to students who are undertaking Higher or Further Education at a UK University or College.

Terms and Conditions

- The Clyde Wind Farm decision is final.
- Each Scholarship is for the named person on the application only.
- The funding will be paid directly to the Student Loans Company to support your costs during study.
- The Scholar must take part in the promotion of this Scholarship and may be asked to participate in having their photograph taken and providing a personal statement for use in promotional material. The Scholar's personal data (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by SSE Renewables and will only be used for purposes related to the Scholarship.
- If requested the Scholar must attend a Scholarships & Awards Ceremony (date and location to be confirmed) to be formally presented with the award.
- The scholar commits to informing, SSE Renewables of their job and sector on completion of their degree.
- The Scholar should commence their programme of study during the agreed academic year. Authorised postponements will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.
- SSE Renewables reserves the right to investigate and possibly withdraw a person from the Scholarship programme if there is adequate proven evidence of illegal activities discovered.
- SSE Renewables reserves the right to make reasonable changes to this contract at any time and will advise the Scholar if this occurs, as and when required.
- You can only receive one scholarship from the fund.

How to apply

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Applications to the Clyde Wind Farm Scholarship Fund are made through an online application form. To access this, please follow the link below:

[Clyde Wind Farm Scholarship Fund](#)

You will be asked to confirm your eligibility to apply to the Fund and will then need to create a user account for the Community Investment Portal.

Eligibility check list

We will ask you to tick yes or no to the following questions to establish eligibility:

- Do you have a home address in one of the seven community council areas served by the Stronelairg & Dunmaglass Scholarship Fund? (we will refer to this as your Registered Address)
- Will you be in receipt of a loan from the Student Loans Company for the academic year following your application for a scholarship?
- Are you taking a STEM based course, on a full time or part time basis, at a UK college or university in the academic year following your application for a scholarship?
- I confirm that I have not been in receipt of a Clyde Wind Farm Scholarship before.
 - If the above applies, please answer 'yes'.

About the online application process

The following guidance may help you in completing the application form:

- You must create a user account (using the application form link above) in order to access and submit a grant application.
- Your draft application will save at key points, so you can log out of the portal and resume drafting it when you log back in, should you not wish to complete and submit it in one session. Log back in [here](#) and click the 'My Applications' button on the home screen, then 'launch' next to your draft application. Please do not use this same login page to create your user account - this must be done through the application link (above).
- We will send you an email confirming your application has been received after you have submitted it.
- You can read Frequently Asked Questions about our online application and grant management system [here](#).
- If you have any problems in accessing or completing the application form, please contact the relevant Community Investment Manager (details above).
- You can view videos on navigating the online grant system [here](#).

Guidance on completing the application form

We have provided guidance below on the information we are looking for under the questions asked on the application form, as well as any supporting information that we require.

Your Details

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Note: You will need to register this information the first time you apply for a grant, and it will remain on the portal for any future applications.

- Your Full Name (Forename and Surname)
- Phone number:
 - Please enter a phone number on which we can contact you on.
- Date of Birth
- Correspondence address
- Registered address:
 - This is your address in the area of benefit, which may differ from the correspondence address.

Your Course Details

Please provide:

- The full name of the course you are enrolling in.
- The course code.
- The duration of the course.
- Institution you will be studying at.
- The course start date.

How a scholarship will help you

Please tell us:

- Your academic achievements to date.
- Describe how the scholarship will help you with your studies.
- What your career aspirations are.

Documents to upload

We will ask you to upload the following documents during the application process, please ensure you have them to hand:

- Proof of your registered address e.g. a recent bank statement, driving licence or university / school letter:
 - This is required at time of application.
- A copy of your account details with the Student Loan's Company (if already established):
 - This can be supplied at a later date if not available at time of application.
- Proof of your acceptance onto your selected higher education course:
 - This is required at time of application.
- A letter of reference specifically for this Scholarship. Your reference letter should be written by someone who knows you (the applicant) well in either an academic or professional capacity:
 - This can be supplied at a later date if not available at time of application.

