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**AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
DEVELOPMENT GRANT
2024**



**WHO CAN APPLY?**

The Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society’s Education Development Grant is open to Agricultural Society members who are Nottinghamshire residents between the age of 16 and 30 years.

Grants are given in support of our charity’s objectives, which are to promote primary agriculture and related industries; but not for food processing or secondary activities. Priority is given to young people who have not yet had the opportunity to accumulate savings or those in need of financial support.

All applicants applying for over £150 may be subject to an interview. Qualifying criteria are as follows:

1. All applicants must be:
	1. A Nottinghamshire resident at the time of application.
	2. Aged between 16 and 30 years.
	3. A current, paid up member of Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society, or any other Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society or Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Club.
	4. On or specifically seeking to attend an approved course or activity directly related to our charity’s objectives. E.g.
		1. A course in agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture, hydroponics or similar agricultural related topic.
		2. A course, seminar or conference which will further the applicant’s education or personal development in an agricultural related area.
2. Applicants can be:
	1. Studying in Nottinghamshire.
	2. Studying elsewhere in the United Kingdom. If this is the case, they must intend to return to Nottinghamshire to work and this will be explored if requested for an interview.

**HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?**

The maximum grant value is £500 per applicant. The exact amount awarded will be at the discretion of the education panel, and depend upon the total number of applicants in the year of application. To qualify the applicant must agree to the following terms and conditions before any grant is awarded.

1. All applicants applying for £150.00 or more may be required to attend an interview. Any applicant who does not attend will not be considered.
2. Successful applicants are required attend the Nottinghamshire County Show to collect their grant. Any applicant who does not wish to attend or fails to show up will have their grant revoked.
3. Applicants may only apply once. Repeat applications in subsequent years are not allowed.
4. Successful applicants grant Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society express permission to use their name and photograph for publicity purposes, to include printed and online media.
5. The Society’s decision is **final** when deciding on the amounts to be awarded.
6. Grant cheques will be sent out subject to applicant completing their course.

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**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Complete this form by typing your answers in the editable sections highlighted in yellow below between the square brackets. You may delete the dotted lines. When you have finished, **SAVE** this document and send it back by email to:

harriet.canovan@newarkshowground.com

The closing date for applications is **Monday 1st April 2024**

**APPLICANT DETAILS**

**IMPORTANT!** In support of your application, you **MUST** include the following details, or your submission may not be considered due to the high number of applications we receive every year:

1. Applicant Application Details and Consent Agreement. (*You may retract your permission at any time by contacting us.*)
2. Contact details for two referees, who have granted permission to be contacted and provide you with a reference. One referee **MUST** be your Course Leader where you study or your employer.
3. The amount of grant you are applying for and how much funding, if any, you have raised towards your course or project.
4. The name of the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society or Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Club you belong to.
5. We need to know a bit about you and how our charity’s money will be spent. Please include in your application:
6. The reason(s) why you decided upon your chosen course or project and a career in agricultural.
7. How the grant will make a difference to you.
8. Your career aspirations for the future. Explain to us what do you plan to do after your course or project ends.
9. Include some general background information about yourself. Tell us about any work, interests related to agriculture or voluntary experience you may have, relevant to your application.
10. Explain how your course or project aligns with the charitable aims of the Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society.

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**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

Please refer to the important information below:

1. Grants will NOT be paid in advance of the Award Ceremony, held at the Nottinghamshire County Show Saturday 11th May 2024.
2. Any claims found to be fraudulent will immediately result in the loss of the grant and disqualify the student from any future grants or awards from the Society.
3. The grants are offered on a competitive basis therefore not all applications will be successful.
4. Courses to be taken or any equipment must be purchased by 31st December of the year in which the grant is awarded, or the grant will be forfeited.
5. The total amount of the grant includes Value Added Tax.
6. The grant does not cover expenditure for accommodation or fees such as university or college tuition, Student Union, Trade Union or political organisations.
7. Cheques will only be made payable to the individual grant recipient, not to a company or organisation.
8. Grants will be awarded to those applicants whom the Society believes are most deserving.

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 **WHEN IS THE CLOSING DATE?**

The closing date for applications is **Monday 1st April 2024,** if applicant has been requested for an interview these will be held week commencing 8th April 2024 for applications of £150.00 or more.

**IF SUCCESSFUL, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY GRANT?**

All successful applicants **MUST** attend a presentation by the Society’s President at the Nottinghamshire County Show, to be held on **Saturday 11th May 2024**, to receive their grant. Attendance is mandatory and applies to recipients of all grants, irrespective of the amount awarded by the charity.

FAILURE TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION WILL RESULT IN THE GRANT BEING REVOKED

Payment of the grant will be made to successful applicants after attendance at the Nottinghamshire County Show, providing proof of expenditure and receipts are to the value of the allocated award.

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**APPLICANT DETAILS AND CONSENT**

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

ADDRESS: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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Tel No: …………………………………………………………………………………….

Mobile Tel No: ………………………………………………………………………..

Email Address: ………………………………………………………………….……………………………………………………………………………….

(*Please check this is correct or we may not be able to contact you*)

Date of Birth: …………………………………………………………………………

Gender (please highlight):   Female            Male              Other             Prefer not to say

**APPLICANT CONSENT DECLARATION**

By submitting this Consent Form to confirm that you agree with the following statements:

1. I consent to the Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society obtaining my references and confirm the referees are aware that they may be contacted in respect of this grant application.
2. If successful in obtaining a grant I consent to my details, my name and my photograph being used for publicity purposes to include printed and online media. I understand my personal details will not be held or used for any reason other than as a direct result of my application for a grant and under no circumstances will my details pass to a third party.

Full Name: ………………………………………………………………………………….………………………………………………………………………

Date: ...……………………………………............................... Consent: **I AGREE AND GIVE MY CONSENT**

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**REFEREE CONTACT DETAILS**

**COURSE LEADER #1**

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

ADDRESS: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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Mobile Tel No: ………………………………………………………………………..

Email Address: ………………………………………………………………….……………………………………………………………………………….

(*Please check this is correct or we may not be able to contact your referee*)

**REFEREE #2**

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

ADDRESS: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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**HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM**

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**TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOU**

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**HOW MUCH ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?**

The amount of grant you are applying for and how much funding, if any, you have raised towards your course or project yourself.

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**CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

The name of the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society or Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Club you belong to. Why did you join? What benefits do you enjoy by being a member of these organisations?

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**COURSE OR CHOSEN CAREER**

Please tell us about the reason(s) why you decided upon your chosen course and a career in agriculture.

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**GRANT BENEFIT TO YOU**

Explain how or why this grant will make a difference to you and your chosen career.

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**YOUR FUTURE PLANS**

We are interested to know about your career aspirations for the future. What you plan to do after your course or project ends?

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**WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

Provide some general background information about yourself. Tell us about any work, interests related to agriculture or voluntary experience you may have, relevant to your application.

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**OUR SOCIETY’S CHARITABLE AIMS**

And finally, explain how your course or project aligns with the charitable aims of Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society.

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 **CHECK!**  Not all applications will be successful due to the high number of requests the charity receives each year, therefore it is very important you meet the application criteria and check you have provided ALL of the information we have asked for.

**If successful, would you be willing to help steward during the Nottinghamshire County Show? If so, please highlight your area preference:**

Livestock EquineFarriery Floral Arts Make, Bake & Grow Other

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