

BURSARIES

Bursaries are available for the improvement of knowledge and experience
in land based industries in the East of England

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBES THE SCOPE, CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR A LANDSKILLS BURSARY

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1. AIMS OF THE BURSARY

The main aims of the bursary are to help you to improve your management, business and leadership skills so you can operate and contribute at a higher level in steering the future of your industry, rural industries in the East of England and the rest of the UK.

2. AMOUNT OF BURSARY

The bursary funding is 50% of the cost or £3,000 whichever is the lesser. The minimum application is £1000. For example, if the total cost was £1,000, LandSkills would fund £500 and the applicant would fund the remaining £500. If the cost was £7,000 the LandSkills bursary would fund the maximum available of £3,000 and the applicant would fund the balance of £4,000.

3. SCOPE OF AWARDS

Applications are invited for financial bursaries from across the land based sector including those engaged in a business, organisation or social enterprise which is dependent on agriculture or utilises any agricultural products. Eligible industries include:

- Agriculture livestock
- Arable and non food crops
- Food and ornamental horticulture
- Viticulture
- Environmental conservation
- Food diversification and supply chain
- Rural crafts eg timber framing, thatching
- Land based research & development

The type of activity can include study visits, attendance at conferences, working placements (to gain in depth knowledge of a particular subject to apply back in own business), to undertake a period of research on a land based related topic, formal training in leadership and advanced agricultural business management, further post graduate qualifications in areas related to the industry.

4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Aspiring industry leaders

New entrants to the industry who need to develop in-depth technical skills and/or management skills

Managers wishing to enhance their skills to an advanced level

Industry members who are keen to become innovators in processes, products and all round improved efficiencies

Applicants must reside in or be employed by a business based in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk or Suffolk

5. EXCLUSIONS

Training courses which are able to be supported through mainstream funding eg a degree

Courses which are able to be provided through other LandSkills East providers

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

a) A demonstrated personal commitment to a land based industry

This is about your own personal commitment and you will need to demonstrate this

Write a one page summary about your personal commitment to the future sustainability of land based industries. Describe the ways you have already supported the industry. For instance, your role in industry associations and some information about your own organisation and the resources and effort you have already contributed.

b) The potential to achieve and deliver benefits to your industry

This criterion is about how the Bursary will challenge you to operate at a higher level

Write a summary of a minimum of two and maximum of three pages on your vision for your industry and how the Bursary will help you achieve this. Try to demonstrate how your own vision will not only help your own particular organisation but also benefit land based industry as a whole.

This summary should be quite specific and must include two or three objectives. These objectives should describe what you are trying to achieve and how the study you have chosen will contribute towards meeting these objectives.

c) Provide leadership and share skills and knowledge

In this criterion, LandSkills East would like you to think about how you will utilise the new leadership skills you will gain through the Bursary and how you will impart these new found skills and knowledge on to others. (education/publishing/website)

7. METHOD OF AWARDING

LandSkills East Bursaries will be administered The Bursary Committee, LandSkills East, The Norfolk Rural Enterprise Hub, Easton College, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 5DX. All communication about applications should be made to this office.

Bursary applications should be made using the appropriate form available from the above address together with an up to date CV and at least two references

A detailed statement of predicted costs must accompany your application. This should be supported with quotations where appropriate to demonstrate that the most economical terms have been obtained

Where appropriate, a detailed travel itinerary should accompany application and names of organisations visiting

The Bursary Committee is made up of one of the LandSkills East Skills Groups' Chairperson, a Lantra representative and a director from the Rural Enterprise Hub

Applications will be considered monthly by the Bursary Committee

Applicants will normally be notified of the outcome of an application within one week of the committee meeting

8. TERMS & CONDITIONS

A financial contribution of 50% of the total cost (unless Bursary request is over £6,000 in which case the maximum LandSkills East are able to fund is £3,000 of this)

Applicants must undertake to provide to LandSkills East a written report on their project activities within three months of its conclusion, as a condition of receiving the grant

Applicants will be expected to attend and speak at relevant industry functions about their Bursary and what they have achieved through participating in the scheme

LandSkills East may use the report provided for marketing purposes (eg a case study on your Bursary published for the web etc)

The Bursary committees' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into



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