#### YOUNG EXPLORERS’ TRUST

#### Grant Aid

A number of grants are made each year to individual members of expeditions at home or abroad who show particular merit through the Trust’s Grant Aid procedure.

**Grant Aid for Individuals taking part in Youth Expeditions**

Several funds exist to help individuals under the age of 25 at the start of the expedition to take part in adventurous activities and expeditions. The closing date for applications is **March 1st 2024**. Applications are sorted into four categories:

* An outstanding application which must be rewarded.
* A good application that merits an award, subject to availability.
* An application of less merit to which a Grant would be allocated but only if there are insufficient applications at Grades A and B.
* An application which whilst satisfying the conditions for consideration is otherwise of little or no merit; no award will be made.

Applications are judged solely on the Application Form presented, although approaches may be made to the stated referee in certain circumstances. Young people applying should complete the application form themselves, unless this is medically impossible. In this case the form must be returned with an accompanying letter from the adult completing the form to explain the circumstances.

Grants are made to individuals only and mass applications from all members of an expedition group are unlikely to be successful as the number of Awards are limited. Expedition leaders should advise expedition members as to who should make an application. In the event of several applications for the same project normally only one would be considered. This will be the most deserving if it can be discerned from the application. In these cases advice might be sought by the panel from the expedition or activity Leader.

The merit of an application is at the sole discretion of the panel but selection criteria includes:

* The reason for the application and the nature of the project.
* Any special circumstance, e.g. home life, disability, disadvantage, etc.
* Quality of application, bearing in mind the ability of the applicant.
* Fair distribution of awards to obtain a balance, e.g. type of adventure, gender, minorities, age, etc.

**How to Apply**

Applications should be made **electronically** to YET via the application form (see website) and those successful will be allocated to one of the awards described on the website.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

 ***The making of grants through the YET Awards Scheme is made possible by the kind acts of benevolence of individuals and organisations keen to encourage and support youth exploration. The YET Awards Scheme is a mechanism by which applications for and the awarding of grants is managed. In deciding to whom grants are made, YET has not considered or evaluated the processes, systems or risk management of the Venture or Venture Provider with which the beneficiary is to travel, and the donation of the award alone does not confer a mark of evaluation on the Venture or its Provider.***