

APPLICATION FORM
THE YET YOUTH EXPLORATION AWARDS

FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS

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Awards)

**(Opening date 1st November in the year prior to the expedition. Closing date 1st
March in the year of the expedition)**

Please read the Guidance Notes before completing the form

All boxes are expandable

Return one completed form for all awards (details on page three)

Name			
Address			
Where does the venture take place		Age at start of venture	
E-mail address		Telephone	
Name of Expedition Provider		Name of school or college	
Cost per head		Dates (from & to inc. year)	

1. Give an outline of the expedition, including how it meets the adventure and purpose criteria. Refer to guidance below on 'Adventure' and 'Purpose'.

2. How will you benefit from the expedition? Refer to guidance below on 'Purpose'.

3. In your own words, please tell us how you will help to organise or lead the expedition. Please state if you have any relevant previous experience. Refer to guidance below on 'Leadership or Organising Role'.

4. Are there any special circumstances which you might feel should be drawn to our attention? Refer to guidance below on 'Exceptional circumstances' under 'Assessment Considerations'.

5. Finally, please give the name and email or telephone number of one independent adult (teacher, expedition leader, youth leader etc.) who would be prepared to support your application.

Signed*.....

Date*.....

***For Applicants under the age of 18**

I confirm that I have agreed to the above applicant participating in the activity described.

Signed..... Parent/Guardian/Carer

Print Name.....Tel/email.....

(For electronic applications please tick to indicate agreement { })

Please check you have completed every relevant section of this form clearly and then return it by email to grants@theyet.org (this address is only for application forms).

Other communications should be sent to the YET grants coordinator Ted Grey, tedgrey91@gmail.com

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. The donation of the award does not confer a mark of evaluation on the Venture or its Provider.

You must be **25 years old or younger** at the start of your expedition.

Expedition Requirements

Adventure

- The expedition must present both a physical and mental challenge and must take place in wild country (or at sea) for a minimum of seven days, excluding travel time. “Wild country” is intentionally loosely defined, but it is not urban and is unlikely to be a rural village setting. It is off the beaten path and requires travel.
 - Wild country demands self-reliance. Successful applicants will not be provided with accommodation, should cook for themselves, and manage their own supplies and equipment. These responsibilities may be shared among team members, and age will be taken into account. For older applicants, the difficulty of camping will be considered—wild camping is likely to be assessed more favourably than use of campsites with facilities.
 - Expeditions to wilder parts of the UK are welcome if they meet the basic criteria.
 - For sea-going expeditions, accommodation aboard a vessel is acceptable if the bar for adventure is met along with other criteria.
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Purpose

- Every expedition must have at least one clear aim; a purpose. The panel will assess both the feasibility of the aim and the extent to which it will benefit the applicant, either directly or indirectly. We welcome a wide range of expedition types with diverse aims. These may include scientific research, completing a physical challenge, or contributing to a local community or environmental cause.
 - Applicants must clearly explain:
 - a) what the aims of the expedition are, and
 - b) how they expect to benefit from the experience, referring back to those aims.
 - The panel will use its experience to assess feasibility but is not resourced to evaluate the overall merit of the expedition’s aims—for example, whether a scientific goal is justified or whether a community project will have the intended impact.
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Leadership or Organising Role

- Applicants should, where possible, carry out a leadership or organising role as part of their expedition. The level of responsibility expected will be assessed with regard to the applicant’s age and the nature of the expedition. For younger applicants, a formal leadership role is not required. However, they should show evidence of having researched their expedition, begun to understand the decision-making involved in planning, and taken on age-appropriate responsibilities—such as supporting fundraising or contributing ideas.
- Older applicants, particularly those who are in their 20s at the time of departure, are held to a higher standard. They are expected to play a key role in multiple aspects of the

expedition's organisation. At least one clear example of how they will demonstrate leadership must be provided, preferably in a formal capacity. For older applicants joining complex expeditions in particularly challenging environments, a formal leadership role is not essential. However, they should show they are centrally involved in organising the expedition, such as planning and logistics, coordinating training, building support networks, making local contacts, and/or leading fundraising efforts.

- For solo expeditions, it is assumed the applicant is the primary organiser. These applicants must demonstrate they are prepared and motivated to lead themselves toward a clear and meaningful aim (see 'Purpose'). In this case they should apply via the peer group category.

Assessment Considerations

Exceptional Circumstances: Each application is reviewed with any exceptional circumstances in mind. While not a standalone criterion, such circumstances help the panel understand individual challenges the applicant may face. If an application falls short in one area—such as physical challenge—but the applicant has a disability, the panel may still make an award based on strength in other areas.

Multiple Applicants: If multiple applicants apply as individuals for the same expedition, we will consider each applicant on their own merits. However, given the awards are limited and the bar is set high, we will normally select only one candidate from a group. If self-organising do consider whether a peer group application may be appropriate.

Changes to Criteria: The YET typically receives more than 120 applications each year. The nature of expeditions and quality of applications vary. While the criteria are designed to support fair assessment across a wide range of applications annually, adjustments may be made during the process to account for outliers or emerging trends.

Expedition Cost: The overall cost of the expedition will be considered alongside other criteria. The panel will assess whether the cost is reasonable compared to similar expeditions and whether a YET award would represent a meaningful contribution. For example, if an expedition costs over £10,000, the panel may consider whether other applicants would benefit more from the limited amount the panel awards to individual applicants. This assessment will vary year to year and is made in view of all the applications received. Applicants should include a list of grants they have already applied for, as well as those they intend to apply for.

Additional Notes

- The opening date for applications is 1st November in the year prior to the expedition.
- The closing date is 1st March in the year of the expedition.

- For January or February expeditions, the closing date is 1st December in the year prior (1-3 months before the expedition), however please submit your application sooner if you can and state “Jan/Feb [year]” in the subject line.
- The panel may contact referees provided by applicants.
- Awards will not normally be made for university elective studies or fieldwork course work. These are valuable experiences but fall outside the scope of YET-supported expeditions.
- Young people applying should complete an application form themselves. However, there may be some circumstances the young person is unable to complete the application. Please provide an accompanying note from a supporting adult explaining the circumstances.
- **Under 18s organising a peer group expedition** should contact the YET to discuss the application

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