

IoF Scotland - Bursary Guidelines

The Institute of Fundraising Scotland (IoF) aims to support individual members aiming to achieve the IoF Academy qualifications - the Certificate in Fundraising and the Diploma in Fundraising - through support and the provision of Qualification Bursaries to help towards course costs.

The IoF Scotland Executive Committee is able to award a limited number of bursaries for its Certificate and Diploma qualification courses taking place in Scotland in 2017.

Bursaries are only awarded to fundraisers who, in the opinion of the IoF, will benefit from and contribute greatly to their organisation and the cause it represents.

The decision whether to award a bursary and the amount of any such concession is entirely at the IoF Scotland Executive Committee's discretion and is not subject to appeal. As there is always substantial pressure on these resources, applications should be made as early as possible and applicants should recognise that not all such requests will be successful. The bursary will be given in the form of a pledge to help students lever other funding towards the qualification course costs and will be payable directly to IoF Academy once the full funding has been secured and the relevant qualification course has been booked. Bursaries are awarded to individual students booking on to qualification courses taking place at confirmed dates and are specific to that course; bursaries are non-transferrable.

The applications will be considered on a first come first served basis, with decisions being made upon receipt of each bursary application. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision no less than two weeks prior to the closing date for bookings on the preferred course.

Applications will only be considered for an IoF qualification bursary if:

- Applicants hold current Associate or Full Individual membership of the Institute of Fundraising and have done so for a minimum one year if undertaking the Certificate or a minimum of three years if undertaking the Diploma.
- Applicants are employed as a fundraising professional or, if applicants can prove that 50% of their time is devoted to fundraising for a non-profit organisation.
- Applicants agree to complete a post qualification evaluation regarding their experience and attend an IoF regional meeting, if requested to do so, to share their learning experiences on the qualification course.
- The applicant or the applicant's organisation will be responsible for their own transport costs plus any accommodation needed to attend the qualifications training.
- Successful applicants will remain a member of the IoF for a minimum of one year after course completion.

- Successful applicants will support future recipients of the IoF bursary undertaking the IoF qualifications, by sharing their experience and attending networking events if requested to do so.

Points to note

The number of bursaries available depends on the course. Please note bursaries are not currently awarded for IoF qualification courses online. Only individuals working for charities are eligible to apply for the Qualification Bursary and the priority will be on those individuals working for smaller charities or active volunteers within IoF Scotland. The Qualification Bursary must be repaid in full if the applicant does not complete the qualification course.