

# THE CROSS TRUST

## THE JOHN FIFE TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION FORM

### NOTES

The John Fife Travel Awards were established in memory of John Weir Fife, a well-known member of the Scottish nursery trade. The aim is to encourage young people of Scottish birth or parentage working or studying in horticulture to expand their horizons by enabling them to travel overseas to attend courses or conferences and experience for themselves different cultures and broaden their horticultural knowledge and understanding.

The awards are administered by The Cross Trust. Please go to our website: [www.thecrosstrust.org.uk](http://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk) for information on the Trust and our work as well as for guidance on our eligibility rules. Applications for John Fife Travel Awards are considered once a year in April and should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Important: Before filling out the form below, please take a moment to read the following notes.

- According to our rules, applicants must be of Scottish birth or parentage, “young, of merit, in financial need and wishing to extend the boundaries of their knowledge of human life.”
- You should carefully read the Regulations for Award which are available on the Trust’s website. These will help you with your application.
- Please answer all questions as fully as possible in order to help your application.
- Please attach/upload a passport-style photo to your application form.
- If you have any difficulty completing the form, please e-mail Kathleen Carnegie [[kathleencarnegie@mccash.co.uk](mailto:kathleencarnegie@mccash.co.uk)] or phone 01738 620451.

Once you have fully completed the form, you should send it to a Referee who is asked to complete Section 2 before sending the form back to the Trust.

If you are sending a hard copy please attach a passport-style photo, and a stamped addressed envelope for your referee to send on to The Cross Trust.

If you are sending the application electronically please save the application form as “surnamefirstname.pdf” (e.g. CrossAlexander.pdf) and attach an electronic passport-style photo, which must be less than 300KB, and name the file as “surnamefirstname.jpg” (e.g. CrossAlexander.jpg).

Thank you for your interest in applying for an award. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you luck with your application.



**PERSONAL DETAILS** (continued)

Have you previously applied to The Cross Trust?

If yes, when?

Was your application successful?

If yes, what purpose was the award made for?

## FAMILY DETAILS

Father's name

Mother's name

Father's place of birth

Mother's place of birth

Father's occupation

Mother's occupation

(If retired, please give their former occupations)

Address of Father/ Mother/ Name & Address of Guardian  
[delete as appropriate]

Siblings  
Name

Age

statust/occupation

## EDUCATION DETAILS

Please give details of your own education to date:

Name of University/College

Dates at University/College

Course studied

Merit Certificates or prizes won

Date/expected date of course completion

Name of school and leaving date

School qualifications achieved with grades

Extra curricular activities/achievements

**DETAILS OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT IN HORTICULTURE**

Empty rectangular box for details of current employment in horticulture.

**CURRENT EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS**

Empty rectangular box for current extra mural activities & interests.

## DETAILS OF INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY/PROJECT

Please give a one page summary of the project you will be undertaking and why you have chosen to do so. Please give as much detail as possible in support of your application and tell us when the project will begin and end.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please give full details of the estimated cost of proposed study course. If the course will last for more than one year, please give information relating to the first year only. Please note that if the course is eligible for a Career Development Loan (CDL), we award grants only if you have applied for one.

Fees: £

Maintenance (accommodation, food etc): £

Travel: £

Identify other likely necessary expenditure:

Other likely necessary expenditure: £

Total estimated cost: £

Give details of other grants received so far (incl. CDL)

Other grants applied for

Estimate of shortfall based on above figures £

## FINANCIAL CIRCIMSTANCES

Under its Terms of Reference, the Trust may give financial assistance to those most in need and/or in cases of demonstrable excellence. This section should be completed by all applicants – or by a parent or guardian if the applicant is financially dependent – and will be treated in the strictest confidence. Applicants will not normally be regarded as independent of parental support until they are aged 25 and over unless special circumstances apply (please specify).

- Gross annual income of family household from all sources. Please give adequate details, eg. income levels of father, mother, husband/wife, nature of employment etc.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

In support of your application, please provide a personal statement (not exceeding 500 words please) explaining why you believe The Cross Trust should make a John Fife award to you.

## DECLARATION

I declare that I have completed this form fully and accurately (tick box)

**SIGNATURE (OR TYPED NAME) OF APPLICANT**

**DATE**

**SIGNATURE (OR TYPED NAME) OF PARENT/GUARDIAN**  
(if applicant is under 18)

Thank you for filling out this form.

Please now send it to your referee(s) – see Part Two below.

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## **PART TWO: REFERENCES**

The Cross Trust requires at least one current reference to accompany each application. You may supply one additional reference if you wish. Suitable referees would include, for example, your current boss, Head of Department, Dean, Head Teacher or Senior Tutor.

**Applicant:** Once you have filled in all the required details above, please send your application form including photo to your referee(s) asking them, firstly, to provide a reference for you and, secondly, to return both the reference and your completed form direct to The Cross Trust (see contact details below).

**Referees:** Please supply below a reference for the above named applicant explaining how you know the applicant, giving precise details of his or her aptitude for the course/visit they wish to embark upon, the benefits they will receive from it and the reasons which lead you to recommend the applicant for a Cross Trust award.

## **CROSS TRUST CONTACT DETAILS (for referees)**

Please send the completed form to:

The Secretaries  
The Cross Trust  
Messrs McCash & Hunter  
25 South Methven St  
PERTH  
PH1 5PE

Telephone: 01738 620451  
E-mail: [kathleencarnegie@mccash.co.uk](mailto:kathleencarnegie@mccash.co.uk)

## REFERENCE

Referee's name

Referee's position

Reference

## DECLARATION

I confirm that the details given by the applicant are correct and accurate. I am satisfied that the applicant meets the criteria for Cross Trust awards, including being of Scottish birth or parentage.

**SIGNATURE (OR TYPED NAME) OF REFEREE**    **DATE**