## Background and Eligibility

1. Mountain Training Scotland (MTS) annually offers a limited number of bursaries to support candidates wishing to undertake a Mountain Training personal skills training course, or training or assessment (including re-assessment) course in one of the Mountain Training qualification schemes provided by Mountain Training Scotland (see [Appendix 1](#_Appendix_1)).
2. Retrospective applications for Mountain Training qualification courses completed will be considered if an application is submitted within four weeks from the end of the course and the course was run by an approved Mountain Training Scotland Provider.
3. for whom both the personal financial constraints may be a barrier to participation and whose participation may promote MTS’s commitment to [Diversity, equity, equality and inclusion](#Diversity).
4. The eligible Mountain Training Qualification schemes provided by Mountain Training Scotland are shown in [Section 2](#Section_2).
5. Funding **of** **maximum £600** the Mountain Training course fees (Please note the bursary does NOT cover scheme costs such registration fees, first aid course, travel/accommodation, purchasing equipment etc) and must be claimed within 6 months of the Bursary being awarded.
6. Applicants must be registered or register themselves for the scheme of their choice or be candidates who have already undertaken training on the scheme they are applying for.
7. The candidate must pay for course fees initially and on completion of their course/re-assessment by an approved Mountain Training Scotland Provider, claim the amount awarded within 6 months of the award being made. OR they have completed their Mountain Training qualification course run by an approved Mountain Training Scotland Provider within four weeks from the end date of the course.
8. Payment will be made after confirmation by MTS with the Course Provider of attendance. In case of difficulty in this respect, please contact MTS. For other conditions regarding eligibility, please see below.

## Application Form

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| **SECTION 1** | |
| **Your full name** |  |
| **Your Mountain Training Registration Number** |  |
| **Your email address** |  |
| **Please explain why you have applied for this Bursary**  **(see** **[Diversity and Eligibility sections](#Conditions) below)** |  |
| **Please indicate how you may use your qualification; especially in relation to MTS’s commitment to Diversity**  **(see** [**Diversity and Eligibility sections**](#Conditions) **below)** |  |

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| **SECTION 2** | |
| **THE COURSE – please tick to indicate the course for which you are applying for funding** | |
| **Lowland Leader Award Training** |  |
| **Lowland Leader Award Assessment** |  |
| **Hill and Moorland Leader Award Training** |  |
| **Hill and Moorland Leader Award Assessment** |  |
| **Camping Leader** |  |
| **Mountain Leader Award Training** |  |
| **Mountain Leader Award Assessment** |  |
| **Winter Mountain Leader Training** |  |
| **Winter Mountain Leader Assessment** |  |
| **Indoor Climbing Assistant** |  |
| **Climbing Wall Instructor Training** |  |
| **Climbing Wall Instructor Assessment** |  |
| **Climbing wall Instructor Abseil and Top Roping Module Training** |  |
| **Climbing wall Instructor Abseil and Top Roping Module Assessment** |  |
| **Climbing Wall Development Instructor Training** |  |
| **Climbing Wall Development Instructor Assessment** |  |
| **Rock Climbing Instructor Training** |  |
| **Rock Climbing Instructor Assessment** |  |
| **Rock Climbing Development Instructor Training** |  |
| **Rock Climbing Development Instructor Assessment** |  |
| **Any scheme re-assessment** |  |

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| **SECTION 3** | |
| **When (Date or month would suffice) do you anticipate undertaking your course?** |  |

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| **SECTION 4** | | |
| **Are you confident to speak, read and write English? *A reasonable level is necessary for the safety requirements of this course*.** | |  |
| **Do you have appropriate equipment to attend the course?** | |  |
| **Do you have any other additional needs?** | |  |
| **SECTION 5** | | |
| **Please provide a reference from a referee who can vouch for your commitment to encouraging wider participation in climbing and or hill and mountain walking from your community.** *Please note referee(s) should be supportive of any or all the following: financial situation, activity background or intended use of the qualification; and cannot be a spouse, partner, or close family member.* | | |
| **Full name** |  | |
| **Email address** |  | |
| **Contact Telephone number** |  | |
| **Occupation** |  | |
| **What is your relationship to the applicant?** |  | |
| **Please give us your view on the applicant’s suitability to receive support to attend a Mountain Training Award course, and for this bursary.**  **(Continue on separate sheet if needed)** |  | |

I confirm and understand:

1. I am registered on my chosen Mountain Training scheme and have the necessary experience to undertake my chosen course.
2. That I will undertake or have undertaken my course with an Mountain Training Scotland approved Provider.
3. I must pay for course fees initially and claim the amount awarded within 6 months of the bursary award being made.

Signed:

Date:

Please email this completed form to[**scotland@mountain-training.org**](mailto:scotland@mountain-training.org)

# If you have difficulty using this form, please contact Mountain Training Scotland via [scotland@mountain-training.org](mailto:scotland@mountain-training.org) or call Mountain Training Customer Services team on 01690720272.

**Diversity, Eligibility, and Process**

**Mountain Training Scotland’s Aims**

MTS is fully committed to its Key Strategic Aim 2 ‘To progress the equitable, inclusive and diverse, access to the Mountain Training personal skills training and qualification schemes in Scotland’.

Summary of relevant core MTS Diversity, equity, equality and inclusion aims include:

* Identify and seek to address the challenges facing candidates accessing and completing a Mountain Training qualification.
* promote greater diversity of participation in walking, climbing and mountaineering related activities.
* Ensure and develop accessibility and access to all Mountain Training awards for candidates based on ‘reasonable adjustments’.
* Support the Mountain Training Association in providing accessible and low-cost opportunities in Scotland for candidates both pre- and post-qualification.
* Develop links between leadership and safe participation, and other relevant agendas including education, health and wellbeing.
* Support the needs of youth and community workers, and young adults via Mountain Training Scotland courses, training, resources, expertise and networks.

**Expected conditions of eligibility for award of Bursary are based on:**

1. An indication of the personal financial constraints which prevent you from participating on the course.

2. Your commitment to encouraging wider participation in climbing and or hill and mountain walking from your community. This may be either through your own circumstance or through a clear intention to use your qualification to facilitate participation in Mountain, Hill and Climbing activities by others in the community (please see MTS Diversity, equity, equality and inclusion aims above) .

3. that they have fulfilled all the stated experience prerequisites for attending the training or assessment course as prescribed by Mountain Training; OR they have completed their Mountain Training qualification course run by a Mountain Training Scotland approved Provider and submitted a bursary application within four weeks from the end date of the course.

4. That you have a commitment to the relevant activity through your own personal background and experience.

5. That you have registered for the relevant Award.

6. That you are old enough to register on the Mountain Training scheme of YOUR choice and resident in Scotland at the time of application and the relevant course, and that your course is run by an approved Mountain Training Scotland Provider.

7. That their Mountain Training course is one of those provided by Mountain Training Scotland and will be delivered by a Mountain Training Scotland approved Provider

**Process**

1. All applications will be considered as soon as is reasonably possible by the designated Board Member + one other Board Member of Mountain Training Scotland and the outcome will be communicated formally to the applicant by the Board. This may take up to a month to process.
2. The candidate must pay for course fees initially and claim the amount awarded within 6 months of the award being made. Payment will be made after confirmation by MTS with the MTS Course Provider of attendance and completion of the course.
3. Applicants may submit multiple applications for different qualifications but only one per course and one per calendar year.

## Appendix 1

Mountain Training schemes provided by Mountain Training Scotland Providers that are eligible for bursary support

1. Camping Leader
2. Lowland Leader
3. Hill and Moorland Leader
4. Mountain Leader
5. Winter Mountain Leader
6. Indoor Climbing Assistant
7. Climbing Wall Instructor (includes Abseil and Top Roping Module)
8. Climbing Wall Development Instructor
9. Rock Climbing Instructor
10. Rock Climbing Development Instructor

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