



**GILLINGHAM &  
SHAFTESBURY  
SHOW** 19 & 20 AUG 2026



**STUDENT  
SUPPORT  
FUND**



**TURNPIKE  
SHOWGROUND**

# Student Support Fund Application Form

Please return your completed application to:

**Address:** Show Office, Turnpike Showground, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9PL  
**E-mail:** studentsupport@gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk & Subject 'Student Support Fund'

**By:** May 31st 2026

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/place of training:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick here to confirm that you have received, read and understood the application guidance notes including the eligibility criteria for this scheme.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please set out briefly, and in your own words, how you would use a grant if it were awarded to you. Please include details of how much funding you are requesting and how you will use it. Further guidance is offered in the attached Guidance Notes.

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## **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

Please include all personal achievements as well as educational ones - see Guidance Notes for further help.

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Awarding body</u></b>

Please tell us about any existing connection you may have with the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show:

**School/College/ Employment Referee (circle which)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Referee**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration & Signature**

I declare that the information set out in this application is complete and accurate. I further declare that if my application is successful I will comply fully with the rules of the Student Support Scheme. I understand that successful awards may be made subject to conditions that would require me to repay part or all of the award if such conditions are not met.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **STUDENT SUPPORT SCHEME APPLICATION**

## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

### **Eligibility**

The scheme is open to receive applications from students and trainees of all ages undertaking vocational study/training in agricultural and allied land-based subjects.

Preference will be given to applications received from persons normally resident within the usual catchment area of the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show (which includes substantial parts of the counties of Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset) This is around a 15 mile radius from SP7 9PL.

Applications may be made for financial help with any element/aspect of the applicant's study/training (awards will normally be subject to an upper limit of £1500). Only one application is permitted per applicant per 12 month period. Priority will be given to applicants seeking support that will meaningfully enhance their skills, knowledge and educational development.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to speak with a Member of the Student Support Fund Committee to fully understand the merits of the application.

All successful awards shall be conditional upon the applicant agreeing to repay, in full or in part, any funds not utilised for the purposes awarded. Such condition may, for example, be invoked if an applicant fails to gain a place on their chosen course of study/ training or fails to maintain that place for its full duration.

### **Personal Statement**

Please set out in this part of the form (or on a separate sheet if preferred) an explanation of why you are applying for support from this scheme. Your statement should be brief and succinct.

It should include details of the course/training you are already or planning to become engaged in. It should include details of how much funding you are seeking and how you would use such funds to support your study/training.

### **Personal Achievements to date**

In this part of the form we are interested in learning what you have already achieved. We envisage you will tell us not only about your educational attainments, but also about other successes (e.g., through YFC or other youth groups, vocational training achievements etc.).

### **Do you have any existing connection with the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show?**

Please tell us about any connection you already have with the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show. Have you ever attended before? If so in what capacity - Visitor? Worked on a Trade Stand? Competed?

## **Referees**

We ask you to provide details of two referees whom we will approach in order to seek their guidance on your suitability and the merit of your application. Please provide contact details of one referee who knows you from a school/college/employment context (e.g. a teacher/lecturer/employer) and a second referee who knows you best in a personal context (e.g., a close family friend). We ask that you seek the permission of the referees to include their details on your application before submitting it to us. By completing this application form you are giving us your permission to share the details of your application with them.

## **Publicity**

If successful with your application, we may wish to use your photo and name for the purposes of publicising the fund in the future. We will always contact you to obtain your specific permission before we do so. However, if this is not acceptable to you for any reason you may advise us of this now.

The successful Grant winners may be invited to attend an award presentation at The Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show. If you do not wish to give permission for us to use details of your successful award, or are unable to attend a presentation, we fully understand and confirm this will in no way influence the success or otherwise of your application.

## **Volunteering**

The Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show relies heavily on volunteer help in the lead up to the event, on Show days, and for clearing up afterwards. We would like the successful applicants to come and do some volunteering with the Show Team at the August Show, either in the Office or out on the Show Ground. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming part of our team of volunteers.

## **Declaration and Signature**

This is where you make a binding commitment to abide by the scheme rules. No application will be considered unless this part of the form has been completed.

## **What happens next?**

We aim to contact all applicants within 4 weeks of the closing date for applications to advise whether or not they have been shortlisted to speak to Member of the Committee and, if so when and how that will, be conducted.

## **Data Protection and Privacy.**

The information you have provided within this application will be regarded as confidential at all times and only be used in the context of The G&S Agricultural Society Student Support Scheme and for no other purpose and be held in accordance with The Gillingham & Shaftesbury Society's GDPR and privacy regulations.

The Gillingham & Shaftesbury Agricultural Society comply with all current legal requirements relating to the holding and use of the data you have supplied in your application.

The information you provide in this application shall be regarded as confidential at all times and shall be used solely and only in the context of the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Agricultural Society's Student Support Scheme and for no other purpose.

## **Contact Details**

Contact: Sue Harris, [studentsupport@gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk](mailto:studentsupport@gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk)  
Call 01747 823 955