



Adam Smith Scholarships

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Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries Scholarship Guidelines 2026

What is the Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries Scholarship?

The [Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries](#) is a group of volunteers who give up their time to make more people aware of the wonderful Galleries we have in Kirkcaldy which are situated beside the library and train station.

The group is keen to encourage more people to visit the galleries and to see and enjoy the amazing art collections and museum pieces that we are fortunate to have right on our doorstep.

The group raises funds each year to help develop the Galleries and this scholarship is part of their aim to support education and the creative talent of tomorrow.

Who Can Apply?

Full-time students at Fife College currently studying one of the following courses:

- **HND Jewellery**
- **HND Art and Design**
- **HND Visual Communication**
- **HND 3D Interior Design**

On completion of their HND studies this year, students must be planning to go on to degree level study, or other higher level further study at university or college in the next academic year 2026/7.

Applicants should also show commitment to their current course, have excellent levels of attendance and show a real passion for the creative subject they are studying. Applicants should also show an interest in [Kirkcaldy Galleries](#) and ideally have visited the Galleries before they apply.

If successful what do you receive?

There are two awards available of £600. The two award winning students will be presented with a certificate to mark their achievement at a special presentation event held at Kirkcaldy Galleries.

What Can You Spend the Scholarship On?

The scholarship should be used for travel, research purposes or equipment or materials needed to help you progress as you take that next step on to further study.

How to Apply

A link to the application form is available on the Fife College website in the [Scholarships Apply Here](#) section – if you require a hard copy form please get in touch. Please remember to explain clearly why you should be considered for a Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries Scholarship.

What Happens Next?

References We may ask a staff member who knows you for a reference.

Scholarship Award If you are successful your scholarship award payment will be sent to you by bank transfer and you will be invited to a presentation event.

Key Dates

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 3 June at midnight.**

Got a question?

If so, just drop us an email, scholarships@fife.ac.uk

Take a look at our previous winners featured in our **Scholarship Update** magazine...

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries

► **Two Fife College students Elaine Green and Anita Berki have received a fantastic boost as they begin their university studies thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries.**

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Elaine Green who studied HND Jewellery and is from Cowdenbeath has just begun three years studying Illustration at the prestigious Edinburgh College of Art, part of the University of Edinburgh, after spending five years at

Fife College.

Elaine was delighted to receive the award and said: "The award will help so much with my studies at university to purchase art supplies, books and to help towards my daily travel costs. To be recognised for my work is a true honour and the publicity will help me to be recognised and support my future business plans."

Anita Berki from Oakley studied HND Art and Design which has enabled her to join the second year of a degree programme at the University of Dundee. Anita is also delighted to be awarded and said: "I feel grateful for winning this scholarship, it has put me at ease as I start a new chapter in my life at university. I'll be able to put the money towards buying a laptop and art supplies for my new upcoming projects. This will enhance

my learning experience as I'll be able to access the materials online on a larger screen as well as being able to explore different art mediums that I hadn't tried before."

The annual scholarship is open to students studying HND level in Jewellery, Art and Design, Visual Communication and 3D Interior Design and offers a cash award of £600 to each student to help them take that next step in their studies.

Elaine and Anita were among several students shortlisted this year - both submitted copies of their artwork and designs as part of the application process. These were then judged by the group who were impressed with their talent and creativity.

Both students visited the Gallery in Kirkcaldy recently to meet the Friends and were presented with their certificates. ■



Pictured: Some of Elaine Green's work



Pictured: Some of Anita Berki's work