



Adam Smith Scholarships

Part of Fife College

Russell Trust Scholarship Guidelines 2026



What is the Russell Trust Scholarship?

This scholarship is one of the largest that we offer - £15,000 which is very generously donated to us by the Russell Trust who have been a supporter of Adam Smith Scholarships and Fife College students for many years.

143 students received a share of this scholarship last year - this year it could be you!

Who Can Apply?

ALL students at Fife College who are committed to their course, have good levels of attendance and are keen to use their qualifications to enhance their career prospects.

What Do You Win?

There are a wide range of awards ranging from £50 to £500 split between students at the discretion of the panel. Being recognised for this award is also a fantastic achievement and would look great on your CV boosting your further study and employment prospects.

What Can You Spend the Scholarship On?

Whatever it is that you need to complete your studies and help you take your next step. It could be something practical like a laptop, driving lessons, books, and software or specialist equipment for your course. Or you may want to use it towards travel or to pay for extra training.

How to Apply

A link to the application form is available on the Fife College website in the Scholarship section – if you require a hard copy form please get in touch. Please remember to explain clearly why you should be considered for a Russell Trust Scholarship.

What Happens Next?

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

Certificate: If you are successful we will email you to let you know and attach your certificate and a form to complete your bank details so we can make your payment.

Key Dates

Closing date for applications is **Monday 16 February 2026** - all students will be contacted by early April to advise if they have been successful or not.

Got a question?

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

Award Winners said:

"I'm incredibly happy about winning the scholarship and it means a lot to me, I'll be able to purchase necessary equipment for my course to help me to succeed through the course, leading on to gaining the apprenticeship I'm working hard to get."

"I am so surprised but really grateful that I was chosen for this scholarship. I will use my award to help with my driving lessons."

"I am over the moon."

"I am so happy! Being awarded this scholarship means so much to me."

"I am so encouraged by receiving this Scholarship. This award acknowledges the relevance of this course for me and supports me in continuing."

"I am delighted! Thank you very much, this is a great help on my journey to setting up my own business."

"I am over the moon about winning the scholarship award. Adding this to my CV will hopefully give me the edge when applying for future employment. This award will make a huge difference to me and my family."

"I feel so grateful to The Russell Trust Scholarship for the opportunity to invest in the books I require, not only for my course, but also for my future career. These winnings are pivotal in increasing my chances of success. Thank you!"