



## Ray Fernie Scholarship Guidelines

### What is the Ray Fernie Scholarship?

Ray Fernie was a dedicated educator who made a lasting impact on young people across Fife. A talented and highly respected teacher at Lochgelly High School, he was passionate about preparing pupils for life beyond the classroom. Through innovative workshops and strong partnerships with local employers, Ray ensured that students developed the skills and confidence needed for the world of work.

His pioneering approach to employability proved highly successful and led him to take his work further with Fife Council, where he became Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Manager for the region. In this role, he expanded his model across Fife, creating a framework that has since been adopted by councils across Scotland.

Ray continued to champion young people and their futures throughout his life. Following an eight-year battle with prostate cancer, he passed away on 1st March 2019 at the age of 58.

In memory of Ray, his family and friends have established this scholarship to continue his legacy - supporting young people in gaining the skills, knowledge, and opportunities they need to succeed in the world of work.

### Who Can Apply?

**Full-time** students at Fife College who are completing their first year of study now, after leaving school in summer 2025, progressing on to the next level at Fife College in September 2026.

- Priority will be given to those who are currently completing SCQF Levels 4 or 5.
- This scholarship is open to all subject areas.
- Applicants should have good levels of attendance.

### What Will You Be Awarded?

Four awards of £500 are available. The award may be shared between more students at the discretion of the panel.

### What Can You Spend the Scholarship On?

The scholarship should be used for resources or materials that would help you with your studies or take that next step in to future studies or employment.

### How to Apply

A link to the application form is available [HERE](#). Please remember to explain clearly why you should be considered for this scholarship.

### What Happens Next?

We may ask a staff member who knows you for a reference, we will advise the outcome of your application by email.

### Key Dates and Queries

Closing date for applications is **Monday 18 May**. Any queries email [scholarships@fife.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@fife.ac.uk)

If you need any help completing the application form, please email [employability@fife.ac.uk](mailto:employability@fife.ac.uk)