



EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

APPLICATION TEMPLATE

The KFC Youth Foundation is committed to backing grassroots organisations that are helping young people to thrive. Our grants programme supports youth-focused organisations across the UK working with young people aged 11-25 in areas of high deprivation. We fund programmes that create safe spaces, offer diversionary activities, and build life skills - from confidence and resilience to job readiness - to help young people feel secure, empowered, and ready for a positive future.

This is the grant application process for the KFC Youth Foundation. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION 27th February, Midday.**

DRAFT ONLY

Your actual application must be submitted on our online portal <https://kfcfoundationuk.smapply.org/>

This is for you to preview the questions and plan your answers.

PRIVACY NOTICE

The information you have provided as part of this application form will be used only for the purposes of assessing your application for the KFC Youth Foundation grant, in order to determine whether we will be offering you the grant. The information will be held securely on our systems and retained only for the length of time needed to assess and distribute the grant. For any videos or images sent as part of the application, the applicant must ensure they have obtained the necessary consents from any individuals appearing in those videos or images. As part of our due diligence process, we may use AI-assisted tools to help review supporting documents you provide (such as policies, governance information or financial reports). These tools help us identify relevant information more efficiently, but all decisions are ultimately made by our staff. We use AI tools in a way that is transparent, fair and lawful in accordance with the UK GDPR and ICO guidance. We do not carry out solely automated decision-making that has legal or significant effects on applicants. You can contact us if you have questions about how your information is processed.

KFC YOUTH FOUNDATION GRANT CRITERIA (These are knock out questions)

What age group does your organisation support?

- 11-18
- 11-25
- 18-25
- My organisation also supports young people outside of these brackets

Does your organisation have an annual income of less than £400,000? Please use the text space to tell us your organisation's income in the latest financial year.

Income includes all money received from donations, grants, contracts, sales, membership fees, and other sources. Please use the total income figure from your most recent annual accounts, including both restricted and unrestricted funds. If your accounts are over 12 months old we will also ask for an overview of your organisation's financial position.

- Yes (enter amount £)/No (enter amount £)

Is your organisation's core provision solely youth focused?

Youth-focused organisations are those whose main mission is to support young people through dedicated youth work programmes. Organisations that support a wider groups but include some youth work (e.g. community centres or charities that support adult mental health, disability or physical illness) do not meet this criteria. We will check your governing documents to ensure your mission is youth centred.

- Yes/No

Does your organisation deliver services to young people in areas of high deprivation?

In the case of high levels of applications, the KFCYF will make decisions based on neighbourhoods ranked in the top 10% most deprived nationally according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) (or equivalent for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales).

- Yes/No

Which of the Foundation's funding pillars does your organisation mostly align with? Using the text space, please tell us what that provision is.

You will need to demonstrate your answer in your application. While we understand your organisation may have different definitions of the below, this is how we define them for assessment purposes.

- Safe Space - Physically and emotionally secure environment, supported by trusted adults or peers, safeguarding policies are in place and actively followed, young people are involved in shaping the space or programme and there is a culture of listening and responding to youth feedback. (Enter provision)
- Diversionary Activities - Activities clearly aimed at reducing risk factors (e.g anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, school exclusion), promote skills development, confidence, and social connection, activities aimed at young people who are vulnerable, at risk, or from underserved communities, delivered when young people most need supported (Enter provision)
- Life Skills - Activity aimed at helping young people prepare for independent living, further education, or employment, builds core life skills with particular focus on financial resilience, food education or job readiness (Enter provision)
- None of the above

What country is your organisation based in?

If you have any programme or activity outside of the UK your organisation will not be eligible.

- Northern Ireland
- Wales
- Scotland
- England
- Our organisation is based outside of the UK

***If England, what region is your organisation based in?**

- North East
- North West
- Yorkshire and Humber
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- East
- London
- South East
- South West

Do the young members wear a uniform that represents your organisation? (e.g. Girl guiding or Scouts, this does not include staff or volunteers)

- Yes/No

Is all of the support offered to young people free of charge, if not would this funding allow this to be the case?

This does not include things like tuck shops.

- Yes/No

Which of the following is your organisation registered as?

Please include your organisation's registration number in the text box. We cannot accept applications from organisations that are not recognised as one of the below.

- Registered Charity (Enter number)
- CIC/CBS/CIO (Enter number)

Has your organisation existed for at least 12 months at the time of submission?

Please indicate in the text response, when your organisation was established.

- Yes/No

Does your organisation have a bank account in its own name which requires two unrelated signatories/dual authorisation?

- Yes/No

Does your organisation have 12 months of accounts including income and expenditure, or will they by April 2026?

- Yes/No

Does your organisation have an active board of trustees or directors?

- Yes/No

Does your organisation have a suitable safeguarding policy? (See our Safeguarding Policy guidance document more information)

- Yes/No

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Full name

Please use the key contact for correspondence of this application between now and in the case a grant is awarded.

Email address

Please use the key contact for correspondence of this application between now and in the case a grant is awarded.

Contact number

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Does your organisation prioritise working with any particular groups of young people? Or is it open to all?

- Care leavers
- Young carers
- Young people with disabilities (including physical, sensory, and learning disabilities)
- Neurodivergent young people
- Young people from global majority backgrounds
- LGBTQ+ young people
- Young people seeking asylum or refugees
- Young people from low-income households
- Young people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
- Young people in or leaving the youth justice system
- Young parents
- Young people with mental health challenges
- Young people living in rural or isolated areas
- Open to all
- Other, please specify...

We encourage you to have a youth led approach and if a young person has supported you with this application please include their first name.

Have you previously received a grant from KFCYF?

- Yes (please tell us how many and when they were received)
- No

How did you hear about this grant programme?

- Social media
- KISS Radio
- Fareshare
- KFC Restaurant
- Word of mouth
- Web search
- KFCYF Website
- We have received a grant previously
- Funding sites
- Other, please specify...

What is the postcode of your nearest KFC? (check our restaurant locator <https://www.kfc.co.uk/kfc-near-me>)

Please provide your correspondence address and, if different, the address that core provision for young people takes place.

Would you like to complete the rest of your application via video or written format?

- Written
- Video

You are able to complete this part of the application in written or video format. Whether you choose to complete the application in writing or via video, we will ask you to answer the same questions, which are listed below.

If your organisation is eligible for a grant, we will assess your application against your responses.

Organisation Name

Tell us more about your organisation and the young people being supported (200 words max)

Please use this space to share about the objectives of your organisation that this funding will be contributing to. You should include details of which of our strategic priorities the activities align with in your response to this question.

In this section tell us why it's essential that your organisation delivers this work. (200 words max)

E.g. What would be the potential impact be of your organisation on the lives of young people?

What social challenge would your work help solve?

Or if your work didn't happen what would be the consequences?

How does your organisation ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in shaping your work? (200 words max)

How is your organisation planning for its future sustainability and growth? (200 words max)

Continue to the next page for Supporting Documents...

You will need to upload several supporting documents as part of your application. We review these during our Due Diligence process if your application is successful. To help you prepare, here is what each document should include and look like.

1. Governing document

This could be your constitution, articles of association or similar.

What we expect:

- The document must be signed and show the date it was adopted.
- It should clearly state your organisation's purpose, how decisions are made, and your board/committee structure.
- If you are a CIC, it should include your asset lock.

2. Latest accounts

These help us understand your organisation's financial health and stability.

What we expect:

- Your most recent set of approved accounts (ideally from the last 12 months).
- Can be independently examined, audited, or management accounts depending on your size.
- Should show:
 - Income and expenditure
 - Reserves or cash position
 - Any restricted funds

3. A suitable safeguarding policy

Safeguarding is essential for any organisation working with young people.

What we expect:

- A policy that covers children and young people aged 11–25.
- Shows who your Designated Safeguarding Lead is and how concerns are reported.
- Includes procedures for:
 - Recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns
 - Managing allegations against staff or volunteers
 - Working safely online and in person
 - Safer recruitment
- Reviewed within the last 2 years.

4. A copy of your most recent bank statement

To verify your organisation's identity and financial setup.

What we expect:

- A statement dated within the last 3 months.
- Must show your organisation name, account number, sort code, and address.
- The name on the account must match your governing document.

We don't need to see your balance beyond confirming that the account is active.

5. Your organisation's logo

This is used only for communications if your application is successful.

What we expect:

- A high-quality PNG or JPEG file.
- Ideally on a transparent background, but not essential.
- If you don't have a logo, a simple wordmark (your organisation name in a clean font) is fine.

6. A photo that represents your organisation.

A clear image (with appropriate consent if young people appear) that shows your work, space, team or community.