Adam Smith Scholarships
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Batchelor Trust Scholarship Guidelines



What is the Batchelor Trust Scholarship?

This scholarship aims to give financial support to help individuals attend Fife College and secure a 'trade' in the areas of construction, electrical, gas, engineering and fabrication and welding. The Batchelor Trust was set up in 2019 to increase access to further education across the East of Scotland.

Who Can Apply?

- School leavers who left school in 2026, and are enrolled on a Fife College course.
- Mature students who are keen to secure a new 'trade'
- **Full-time** students at Fife College who wish to progress on to the next level, have good levels of attendance and are keen to use their qualifications to enhance their career prospects.

Individuals should be studying one of the following courses:

- Construction Futures SCQF Level 4
- National Progression Awards Carpentry & Joinery
- National Progression Awards Painting & Decorating
- National Progression Awards Trowel Trades
- National Progression Awards Plumbing & Electrical Building Services SCQF Level 5
- Certificate: Gateway to Engineering (Including Automotive)
- Certificate: Gateway to Engineering (Including Electrical)
- NC Electrical Engineering
- NC Engineering Practice SCQF Level 5
- NC Fabrication and Welding
- NC Mechanical

What Will You Be Awarded?

Awards of between £500 and £1,000 will be available per student at the discretion of the panel. Award payments may be made in two instalments (February and June) subject to good attendance and achievement.

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. It can also be spent on general living costs and bills that you may be struggling with.

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
Closing date for applications is **Monday 14 December 2026.**

Got a question?
If so, just drop us an email, scholarships@fife.ac.uk

Previous Winners
Check out the winners from last year below:

Trade Talent Supported by Batchelor Trust

Fife College is delighted to celebrate this year's Batchelor Trust Scholarship recipients, with 19 students awarded financial support to help them progress in key trade areas including construction, engineering, electrical, and fabrication and welding.

This year, a total of £16,000 was awarded to students across a range of programmes, helping to ease financial pressures and support them as they develop the practical skills needed for future employment in industry. Several of this year's recipients are also continuing students who have demonstrated strong progress and commitment in their studies, with six learners receiving further support following their awards last year.

The scholarship is designed to help students cover essential costs linked to their studies, including tools, materials, transport, and living expenses, enabling them to focus on their training and future career pathways.

Reflecting on receiving the award, Tyler Newlands, who studied Construction Futures SCQF Level 4, said:

"I am very happy to receive this award and very grateful for the opportunity... I will spend the money to start my tool collection and purchase safety equipment."

Jack Reid, who studied NC Electrical Engineering SCQF Level 5, added:

"This scholarship represents both recognition of my hard work and an investment in my future... it has given me greater confidence as I pursue my goals."

The Batchelor Trust Scholarship continues to play a key role in supporting students to overcome financial barriers, gain industry-relevant skills, and progress towards sustainable careers in the trades. The College extends its sincere thanks to the Batchelor Trust for its ongoing generosity and commitment to widening access to education.

