

Crosby Explorers International Fund - Eligibility and Rules

At Crosby District Scouts, we are proud to support our young people as they take part in international experiences that help them grow as individuals and as members of the Scouting community. The **Crosby Explorers International Fund** provides financial support to current and former Crosby Explorers undertaking international Scouting experiences.

Funding Source

This fund is supported by Gift Aid claimed annually from Crosby Explorers membership subscriptions. Each March, Crosby Explorers will claim Gift Aid and deposit the amount claimed up to £1000. Any amount above £1000 will be deposited back into the main Explorer bank account.

Eligibility Criteria

1). Explorers and Network Members: The fund is open to current members of Crosby Explorers, as well as Network members who have previously been part of Crosby Explorers. Since this fund is directly supported by Gift Aid claimed from Crosby Explorers membership subscriptions, it is not available to Young Leaders, past or present, or Network members who did not attend Crosby Explorers and pay membership subscriptions.

2). Age Limit: Network members can apply for support up until their 25th birthday, provided they were once a member of Crosby Explorers and paid membership subscriptions. If a Network member is accepted onto an international experience at age 24 but will not travel until after turning 25, they will still be eligible to request support from the fund.

3). Eligible Events and Attendance Type: The fund is designed to support international Scouting experiences that promote global connections, cultural exchange, and leadership development. It is restricted to international experiences within the Scouting movement, organised at the county or national level or programmes endorsed by World Scouting. These include (but are not limited to):

- Madagascar Expedition
- Roverway
- European Jamborees
- Other international contingent Jamborees
- Explorer Belt Expedition (abroad)
- World Scout Jamboree
- World Scout Moot
- International Camp Staff volunteers:
 - Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) Staff Support
 - The Boy Scouts of America International Camp Staff Programme
 - Sucheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC)

The fund does not cover

- Group-organised international trips
- International trips where only the Crosby Explorer Unit is participating (unless registered as an Explorer Belt Expedition)
- International trips where only Crosby Network members are participating (unless registered as an Explorer Belt Expedition)
- Individuals or small groups of individuals organising a trip themselves with no Scouting links
- International events where the applicant is in a leadership role

Funding for District organised International Trips/ UK based international camps will be considered for a donation towards costs; but other applications will be given priority.

Fund Allocation Rules

- **Support Limit:** Individuals can receive financial support for up to two international experiences. Of these, only one may be as a participant. The other, or both, may be as a volunteer on a contingent/unit leadership team, International Service Team, UK Working Party, or International Camp Staff.
- **Support Allocation:** The amount of financial support provided to each individual will be determined by the Crosby District Scouts Trustee Board on a case-by-case basis, considering the number of requests received and the overall cost of the international experience.
- **Annual Fund Availability:** If all funds are not allocated each year, the remaining amount will roll over to the following year, increasing the total available.

How to Apply

- Applications for support from the Crosby Explorers International Fund must be submitted to the Crosby District 14-24 Lead Volunteer or their nominated representative before the start of the international experience.
- The Crosby District 14-24 Lead Volunteer or their nominated representative will present all applications to the Crosby District Trustee Board at any of the termly meetings.
- Successful applicants will be notified in writing by a representative of the Crosby District Scouts Trustee Board.
- Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified in writing, with a detailed explanation of the reason for their application's rejection.
- All applications should be made through the district website using the form on the international fund page.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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The Trustees may approve funding but reserve the right to defer payment until the next Gift Aid claim is processed.

Review

While this policy seeks to address all foreseeable circumstances, it is acknowledged that it may not encompass every possible situation. Accordingly, the Trustees are authorised to make decisions outside the scope of this policy, provided such decisions align with its underlying principles and intent.

Openness, Privacy, and Data Handling

All applications and decisions will be documented in the Trustees' meeting minutes. Award amounts will be reported in the annual accounts presented at the AGM. While recipient names will not be disclosed, the names of supported events will be included in the accounts.

Information provided in applications will be handled in accordance with The Scout Association's Data Protection Policy.

Conclusion

The Crosby Explorer International Fund is designed to support our members who are pursuing life-enhancing opportunities through Scouting. We encourage all eligible Explorers and Network members to consider applying and look forward to helping make your international experiences possible.