**‘Onwards and Upwards’**

**Shine Even Brighter 2**

**Application Form and Guidance**

**Introduction**

**What is the ‘Onwards and Upwards’ Fund?**

Hello! We are the **Champions for Change** - South Ayrshire’s Champions Board. We are excited to tell you about our **Onwards and Upwards** Small Grants fund. This is the sixth time we are running this fund.

**Have you applied for money with us before?** Great! We would love to see another application from you and hear how the last one went for you.

[The Promise](https://thepromise.scot/) says that care experienced young people like us must be supported to develop relationships with people in the workforce and in our community. This is what we hope for with this fund. **Do you feel a sense of belonging in your life?** What would help you feel more connected to great people in your life?

We will run this grant until around the end of **February 2024** but if you get in touch with us after that date there will be other great support that we can connect you with.

Please message us if you have any questions:

[**championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk**](mailto:championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

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| **Facebook Page** | [**www.facebook.com/southayrshirechamps**](https://www.facebook.com/southayrshirechamps) |
| **Twitter** | [**twitter.com/ChampionsBoard1**](https://twitter.com/ChampionsBoard1) |
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**Am I eligible?**   
You are eligible to apply for this funding if you:

* Are between the ages of 14 – 26.

(If you are older than 26, we can still consider your application so please still apply)

* Have at least three months of care experience.

(This can include kinship care, foster care, secure care, residential care or being looked after at home)

* We will have to prioritise young people who are looked after by South Ayrshire because we are the Champions Board for this area.

(Please send us your application anyway and we can tell you about other Champions Boards or funding in your area)

**What can I apply for?**

We are aware that it can sometimes be hard for care experienced people like us to feel a sense of belonging in our lives. We hope that this fund can be used to help you feel a stronger sense of belonging and to feel better within yourself.

Click here to find out more about making an application on our Frequently Asked Questions page:

<https://hscp.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/58856/Frequently-Asked-Questions-FAQs>

If you have applied for this fund before we would love to support, you in moving **Onwards and Upwards** with your idea. You could use this application to develop your idea and move it forward.

**How much can I apply for?**

The **maximum grant** you can apply for is **£500**.

**What makes a good application?**

We want this to be a simple application process for you. We are looking for applications that:

* answer every question.
* are clear about your current circumstances.
* detail exactly what you are applying for.
* explain the difference this funding will make to your life right now.

**Eligibility**

Please answer the following questions before starting your application:

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|  | **Yes / No** |
| Are you currently aged 14 to 26? |  |
| Are you currently aged over 26? |  |
| Do you have at least 3 months experience of care? |  |
| Do you currently live in South Ayrshire or have been cared for in South Ayrshire? |  |

**Contact**

If you have any questions or would like further support or advice before completing your application, please email:

[championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Please Check**

Before returning your form, please check you have:

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|  | Yes or No |
| Answered every question |  |
| Provided us with all your contact details |  |
| Provided us with your referee’s contact details |  |
| Signed the form (Electronic (typed) is acceptable) |  |

**Please return your form via email to:**

[**championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk**](mailto:championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Section A: Personal Details**

This section is for internal use only and will not be taken into consideration as part of the assessment process. Please make sure to give us your contact details so we can let you know the outcome of your application.

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| **First Name(s):** | **Surname:** |
| **Date of Birth:** | **Gender:**  Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐  Prefer not to say ☐ |
| **Address:** | |
| **Email:** | **Telephone:** |
| **Do you consider yourself to have a disability?**  Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐  (A disability can be a physical or mental condition which affects your day to day life. It can take many forms e.g. needing to use a wheelchair, long term illness, severe asthma, dyslexia, depression or anxiety)  If ‘Yes’, please describe: | |

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|  | **Have you been in foster care like Olivia?** | **Have you been in residential care like Alex?** | **Have you been in kinship care like Chloe?** https://www.iainforrestphotography.co.uk/v/nr/bdl/f399b0709717251f261de1ag56w/DSC_2282.jpg | **Are you a care leaver like Issac?** |

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|  | Yes or no |
| **Have you been in foster care like Olivia?** |  |
| **Have you experienced secure care?** |  |
| **Have you ever been looked after at home under a supervision order?** |  |
| **Were you in care for 3 months or more?** |  |

If you are unsure or would like to add any more details, you can use the box below:

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**Section B**: **Your Application**

Please choose any of these themes if you feel they fit with your application:

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| Feeling a sense of belonging | **Yes / No** |
| Feeling better about yourself | **Yes / No** |
| Coping with isolation | **Yes / No** |
| Improving and maintaining mental health | **Yes / No** |
| Improving and maintaining physical wellbeing and health | **Yes / No** |

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| **Here you can tell us about your sense of belonging in life. You can use the questions below as inspiration in your answer. You do not have to answer them all.**   * Do you feel a sense of belonging with any people or in any spaces in your life? * Is there anything that gets in the way of feeling like you belong? * Is there anything that could help you feel better about yourself or your life? * Has anything changed in your life that has affected the way you feel you fit in with other people? |
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| **What do you need that will support your sense of belonging over the next few months?**  Please tell us about the following in your answer.   * What are you applying for? * Explain how what you are applying for will support your **sense of belonging**? * What difference will this make to your life? |
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| **How much are you applying for?** | |
| Please complete the table below with how much each thing costs | |
| **Item**  *Example - Bike* | **Cost**  *Example - £120* |
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|  | £ |
|  | £ |
| **Total Request** | **£** |

**Section C**: **Your** **Reference, Data Protection Information and Signature**

**Tell us about who has helped you make this application:**

If someone else has completed this application for you that’s no problem with us at all. All that we ask is that you please provide their details here

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone Number: |  |
| Relationship to You: |  |

**Tell us about a Referee:**

If you’ve completed this application yourself that’s great, can you also please identify a referee who can support your application. A referee should be someone who knows you, works with you and supports you and who you’re happy for us to talk to about your application if we need to**,** for example a social worker, an advocate, a foster carer, teacher, or support worker.

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| Phone Number: |  |
| Relationship to You: |  |

**Your Information**

In this section, you can read how The Champions Board will look after your data. By signing this application, you are indicating that you have read this and consent to the champions board holding and processing your personal data for the purposes below.

If you do consent, please note you can withdraw consent to all or any one of the above purposes at any time by contacting [**championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk**](mailto:championsboards@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)Please note that all processing of your personal data will stop once you have withdrawn consent, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

**What happens to the information in this application once you submit it?**

The Champions Board keeps all the information you’ve provided private and secure. In order to keep track of how many applications we have received, we are planning on keeping this information for the length of the Individual Grants fund.

We will not share any personal, identifiable information about you outwith our organisation. The only information from applications which we may share outwith our organisation is how many applications were received, what types of requests they were, what levels of funding were applied for, and where applications came from. All of these would be totals, and none of this information would be connected to any individual.

We may use the personal contact information in this application to:

* Follow up for further information from you.
* Offer feedback on your application.
* Get in touch with your references.
* Let you know the outcome of your application.

**Data Protection**

**How do we process your personal data?**

The Champions Board meets data protection regulations and the GDPR by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or keeping unnecessary amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

We will not disclose your personal information with a third party/third parties.

Your personal data will be sorted and stored securely on The Champions Board electronic and paper filing systems.

**We will use your personal data for the following purposes:**

* To assess your application.
* To inform you of our decision regarding your application.
* To conduct due diligence (if your application is successful).
* To administer a grant (if your application is successful).
* To contact you with and for information about your award during the life of your grant (if your application is successful).
* To discuss any other aspect of your award during the life of your grant (if your application is successful).

**How long do we keep your personal data?**

We will keep your personal data for no longer than is necessary for the above purposes and for addressing any questions that may arise. We will then delete all of your personal data from The Champions Board electronic and paper filing systems (paper copies of your personal data will be confidentially shredded and disposed).

**Your Signature**

* I confirm that all information provided on this form is correct at the time of writing.
* I understand that The Champions Board may ask for additional information to support this application, including proof of purchase for any items.
* I understand I can only receive one award from the ‘Get Connected’ Fund.
* I agree to take part in an evaluation (answer questions about the funding) if I am successful.
* I confirm that I have read the information below regarding my data and I consent for the Board to use the information contained in this application for the purposes stated below.

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| **Signature\*:** |  |
| Print Name: |  |
| Date: |  |

\*We can accept a handwritten signature or an electronic (typed) signature.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM TO:**

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**Thank you for your application! We will be in touch with you soon.**

**Much love, your Champions Board**

