The CLA Charitable Trust Scholarship Application Information 2026/27

Who can apply?

The CLA Charitable Trust Scholarships are open to all full-time **Year 2 BSc/BSc (Hons)** students at Harper Adams University studying:

- Agriculture
- Agriculture with Livestock production
- Agriculture with Crop Production Science
- Agriculture with Farm Business Management
- Agriculture with Farm Technology
- Agribusiness Management
- Rural Enterprise and Land Management
- Rural Property and Real Estate
- Wildlife conservation and Ecology

Background

The CLA Charitable Trust, in making these scholarships, is keen to support students, from backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in the rural economy**.** We are looking for students who will bring fresh and innovative ideas and ultimately become leaders, tackling the challenges facing the industry.

Opportunities

Scholarships valued at up to **£2,500 each (£1,250 each for the academic years 2026-27 and 2028-29**) may be awarded.

The award will be paid in two parts; to be paid in February 2027 and the remaining balance in May 2027. Payment is conditional on the scholar(s) remaining registered as a full-time student at Harper Adams University. They must pass all modules of study during the continuation of the scholarship and submit a letter of thanks for the sponsor to the Development Trust prior to the receipt of each payment.

There may be opportunity for each recipient to apply for a further £500 worth of support to attend relevant events, pursue development opportunities and undertake upskilling activities. Examples of what might be covered by this include:

- The cost of tickets to attend relevant industry events, alongside travel and accommodation costs.
- Attending a chainsaw course or gaining relevant driving licenses for farming vehicles.
- The cost of travel for work experience and networking e.g. visiting a CLA office or meeting with a CLA member with experience in a relevant area.

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Award recipients will also receive complimentary membership of the CLA for the length of their studies, including CLA's membership magazine, Land and Business, and informative CLA e-newsletters.

This is a competitive award which will be evaluated on the merit of the submitted application, academic achievements to date and interview. The Development Trust embraces diversity and promotes equality of opportunity and access to higher education. The Trust has been successful in supporting a wide range of students. It strongly encourages applications from students of all backgrounds. Where there are two applicants of equal merit, preference will be given to applicants who are from backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in the rural economy.

The decision of the Scholarship Panel is **FINAL** and they reserve the right to withdraw their award at any time should they feel this action is required.

Application Process

Your application must include the following three documents, which should be saved in PDF format, named 1. Consent Form, 2. Covering Letter and 3. CV and emailed to DevelopmentTrust@harper-adams.ac.uk by 12 noon on **11th December 2026**. Email subject: **CLACT Scholarship**

1. **Consent Form** – this must be completed and signed to show that you have read and understood the Privacy & Data Protection Notice

2. **Covering letter** of no more than two pages, addressed to Mrs Doris Taylor and including the following information
   - Who or what inspired you to study for a degree in the rural sector;
   - What you hope to achieve from your chosen course;
   - What contribution you feel you can make to the rural industry as a result of receiving this award;
   - What difference would the receipt of a scholarship from the CLA Charitable Trust make to the pursuit of your goals.

3. **CV** – no more than 2 pages

Application Deadline: 12 Noon 11th December 2026

Shortlisted applicants are required to attend a panel interview 22nd January 2027. (Please note that an alternative interview date cannot be arranged).

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Privacy and Data Protection Notice

How your personal information will be used:

As part of your application, Harper Adams University will process your personal data as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (the provision of educational scholarship programmes) or in the exercise of official authority vested in Harper Adams University as data controller.

Personal information that you supply to Harper Adams University may be used for the following purposes:

- To administer your studies and record academic achievements
- To assess and process your scholarship application
- To publicise your scholarship
- To administer communication between you and your sponsor(s)
- To assist in pastoral, welfare, or additional needs services
- To administer the financial aspects of your scholarship
- To monitor equalities procedures and compliance
- To manage quality and effectiveness of provision including external audits
- For careers advice and alumni relations including fundraising

We may share your information with other departments in the University to carry out the purposes listed above. We will also share your personal data with the scholarship provider/sponsor; in this case for the purposes listed above.

Your personal information may be shared with third parties with your consent, where disclosure without your consent is required or permitted by law or where the University instructs or works with a third party for the purposes listed above. Your information will not be shared externally for marketing purposes.

The University may use automated profiling of personal information for the purposes of improving services, enriching your experience with the University or signposting events and activities that may be of interest.

Your personal information will be retained by the University for the period specified in the **Records Retention Guidelines.** You have the right to access your personal information (in a format that is usable to you for other purposes), correct inaccurate or incomplete information or request that your personal data be deleted or processing restricted.

For further information about how your data is used by the University, please view the **Data Protection Policy** and Layered Notice. The complaints procedure for Data Protection and Freedom of Information can also be found on the **University website** or contact the Data Protection Officer on dpo@harper-adams.ac.uk. The complaints procedure also sets out your right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner.