

# Application form



# We want to help you reach your potential

We're delighted you have taken the first steps towards applying for a grant through our Aspire Awards.

Whether it's to help you find a job, start a small business, complete an undergraduate degree or to start a community project – we're backing your potential.

Funding is available in Four different areas:

**Your Degree – do you aspire to complete an undergraduate degree?** Once a year we will offer funding of up to £9,250 to cover university tuition fees for a customer that is looking to start an undergraduate degree but is prohibited by the high cost and length of the course – for example a law or medical degree.

**Your Career – are you looking to secure work, develop your career, or start your own business?**

This funding is available to cover the costs of starting your own business, training course fees, specific course equipment and workwear or transport costs. Grants will be considered up to a maximum of £3,000

**Your Talent – are you a talented sports person, artist or musician looking for support to make your dreams a reality?** This funding is available for customers with a proven talent in their field to cover the costs of training or equipment to help you achieve the highest level of success. Grants will be considered up to a maximum of £1,500

**Your Community – do you need support with a project to help make your local community a great place to live?**

This funding is available for projects or initiatives that are supported by the local community and benefit Guinness customers. Awards can range from £50 to a maximum of £10,000 per project, per year.

**STEP ONE:** Decide which type of funding you would like to apply for.

Please note that there is a separate application form for 'Your Community' funding. Only one type of funding per application form will be considered. If you're applying for course fees you must decide on the course before applying.

**STEP TWO:** Confirm the costs of the training, equipment or funding you require.

You will need to provide proof of this with your application. (Please refer to the terms and conditions at [www.guinnesspartnership.com/aspire](http://www.guinnesspartnership.com/aspire) for full details of what the grants can be used for.)

For Your Degree you will also need to provide a copy of the offer letter from your university of choice along with proof of any A Level grades achieved to date.

**STEP THREE:** Fill in the form telling us why you should receive an Aspire Award. Please provide as much detail as possible.

**STEP FOUR:** Get a reference from someone who has known you for at least two years. You could ask a school teacher, family friend or someone you currently work or volunteer with.

**STEP FIVE:** Send your completed form to us.

- ★ Email it to: [aspireawards@guinness.org.uk](mailto:aspireawards@guinness.org.uk).
- ★ Post it to: Aspire Awards, 30 Brock Street, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3FG

Remember to include your reference and proof of costs. Please note that we are unable to consider incomplete applications forms, or applications without the relevant supporting documents.

Please see [www.guinnesspartnership.com/aspire](http://www.guinnesspartnership.com/aspire) for full terms and conditions.

**Good luck!**

# Section one About you

Title:

Full name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Home phone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

I have applied for an Aspire Award before: (please tick)

Yes  / No

If **Yes** please provide details of the outcome (e.g. what was the award for, and was it approved?)

## About your tenancy

Tenancy start date:

How did you hear about the awards?

I am the main tenant or leaseholder

(my name is on the tenancy or lease agreement): (please tick)

Yes  / No

If **No** – my relationship to the main tenant is: (e.g. daughter)

The rent or service charge account is in arrears: (please tick)

Yes  / No

If **Yes** – There is a payment plan in place:

Yes  / No

## Section two

# How would you use the award?

What funding are you applying for? (please tick one only)

Your Degree

Your career

Your talent

Please note applications for **'Your Degree'** funding will only be considered in May/June of each year, although you can apply at any time.

What are you applying for?

(e.g. name of training course, location and provider, details of equipment?)

Total amount applying for:

£

Start date:

Finish date:

Please provide details of how you would use funding from the Aspire Awards. (e.g. fees, equipment or associated costs) and why you are unable to raise these funds yourself:

Please explain why you want to apply for this award. What are your future aims and objectives and how will an Aspire Award help you to achieve them?

*Please continue on a separate page if needed.*

## Section three

# Information and declaration

### Declaration

I have read and understood the terms and conditions under which the awards are made. I agree to abide by them and agree to notify The Guinness Partnership of any significant changes in details given here that occur during the application process or during administration of any grant award.

I declare that the information given on this application form is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I understand that if it is subsequently discovered that any statement is false or misleading then any offer of grant funding will be withdrawn.

Please tick to confirm:

Signature:

Date:

## Section four Completing your application

**Checklist** – please include the following:

1. The completed application form.
2. Proof of fees and, if possible, relevant proof of acceptance onto your chosen course.  
(This can be in the form of a letter or an email from your training or education provider).
3. References:  
This should be a personal character reference from someone who has known you for at least two years. You could ask a school teacher, friend or someone you work or volunteer with.  
Please include your reference with your application form.
4. If applying for a Guinness Scholarship include your university offer letter and proof of your A level grades achieved so far.

### Completed forms

Please return this form and the documents from the checklist either via email or post. Please note that incomplete applications or applications without the information on the checklist will not be considered:

#### Email

aspireawards@guinness.org.uk

#### Post

The Guinness Partnership  
Aspire Awards  
30 Brock Street, Regent's Place  
London NW1 3FG

Office use only

Tenancy start date check	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rent account balance	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Payment Plan in place: yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Housing/ASB check details		
Proof of fees received?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Reference received: yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes for judging panel attached?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	