

Tree Life Sponsorship Programme Guide

Education has a very important role to play in the lives of individuals and families. The objective of our sponsorship programme is to give an opportunity to two individuals to support a programme of study undertaken with Tree Life to enhance their own learning opportunity and advance their own careers and better provide for their families.

The support will take the form of fiscal sponsorship and provide £1000.00 for a candidate studying and completing a course of training/instruction with us for the diploma at Level 4 and £1500.00 for a candidate at Level 6.

Criteria for eligibility:

- The sponsorship is open to anyone to provide support that enables you to enter a course of study which, without the fiscal assistance it would not be as feasible.
- For the Level 4, activity for which the funding is sought commences in September 2021 and *remains continuous*.
- For the Level 6, activity for which the funding is sought commences in October 2021 and *remains continuous*.
- Fully completed and signed application form including:
 - (i) 500-word statement as per the guidance given
 - (ii) Curriculum vitae
 - (iii) A piece of your own work in answer to a set question

All submitted to arrive at the Tree Life office by the closing date of end of **30th June 2021**

Terms and Conditions:

- Applications not meeting the eligibility criteria above will not be assessed.
- Successful applicants are expected to acknowledge the source of funding in any dissemination of the funded work and Tree Life may use your name in publicity material with prior agreement.
- Funds awarded are not transferable to other activities.
- Recipients will be required to submit evidence of payment of the usual enrolment/deposit fee before the funds can be applied.
- Preference will be given to those individuals who the judges believe require fiscal support to aid attendance at their chosen course.
- The decision of the judges is final and feedback will not be available for unsuccessful applications.
- Candidates not completing the course of study may be asked to pay back all or part of the sponsorship money at the discretion of the directors of Tree life AC Ltd.
- The statement must not exceed the stated maximum number of words otherwise the application will not be eligible.

Timescale:

- The closing date is strictly end of **30th June 2021**
- Applicants will be informed of the outcome by **31st July 2021**

Information about the funding:

The money awarded to a candidate will be held by Tree Life and deducted from the final invoice.

How to apply

Please fully complete the application form in black ink or typing. You can cut and paste into the boxes. There is space on the form for your 500-word statement. However, this can be attached as a separate page.

Guidance on writing your statement is given below. Please do not attach any other documentation or letters as these cannot be considered by the judging panel.

The selection panel will consist of at least 3 judges.

Guidance on writing your 500-word statement:

Tree Life is keen to ensure that applicants demonstrate a clear understanding of our commitment to valuing education and advancement of arboriculture. Applications will be assessed on your 500-word statement as follows:

- Nature of the activity to be undertaken (10% of marks) and its contribution to your career development.
- Potential impact of the activity on the care of trees. (50% of marks). Within this section you may want to pay particular attention to the diversity of trees that can potentially benefit from the service you may provide as a result of gaining the qualification being studied for.
- Anticipated other benefits (30% of marks). For example, but not exhaustive, to leadership, to colleagues, to advancing arboricultural knowledge at your place of work, implementing health and safety legislation, contributing to the education of others.

A further 10% of marks will be given for describing why your circumstances would benefit from fiscal support.

The set piece of work will be marked against a model answer 20 marks for Level 4 and 25 marks for Level 6.

How to submit your application:

Send your completed application form by email to admin@treelifeac.co.uk

Any questions can be addressed by contacting admin@treelifeac.co.uk or Tel No: 01162 606939

Please note the following:

- Due to the coronavirus we will not be accepting postal applications in 2021
- We regret we are unable to accept faxed applications
- We are unable to accept late applications
- Information cannot be returned

The Tree Life Sponsorship Programme provides funds to enable individual arboriculturists to further their professional development and enhance the standard of expertise in their field.