

# The Chief Scout's Unsung Heroes - FAQs

## Who are the Chief Scout's Unsung Heroes?

These are young people in the UK Scout movement who receive bursaries of £500 for demonstrating Scout values (cooperation, integrity, care, respect and belief) kindness, resilience, and/or who have supported their group or local community.

## Who is eligible?

Only current youth members of the UK Scout movement are eligible for the bursaries.

## How many bursaries will be given?

20

## How much is each bursary worth?

£500

## How will the bursaries be judged?

Entries will be judged by a youth panel based on how the nominee has met the criteria: young people who have demonstrated Scout values, character, resilience, and positivity and/or who have supported their group or local community. Bursaries will be given to deserving young people from each of the five sections.

Applications based on risk will be excluded as these should be directed to the existing Scout meritorious or gallantry awards. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## Where has the funding come from?

The funding has come from Bear Grylls himself.

## How do I nominate a young person?

Please complete [this form](#) by 20 January 2020.

## When will I know whether my nominee is successful?

We will contact you by the 31 March 2020, whether successful or not.

## Can a young person nominate themselves?

No. The nomination must come from an adult member of the Scouts.

## **Can an adult nominate a young person who is related to them, or in their care?**

No, but another adult volunteer in Scouts could nominate the young person.

## **Is this open to young people from all sections?**

Yes, but only current youth members of UK Scouts. Bursaries will be given to deserving young people from each of the five sections.

## **Can an adult apply?**

An adult may nominate a young person, but adults are not eligible to receive a bursary themselves.

## **Why are adults not eligible?**

Bear has specified that these bursaries are for young people.

## **Can a young person receive more than one of these bursaries?**

No.

## **Does the young person or volunteer need to specify what the bursary would be used for?**

No. It is up to the young person how they use the money.

## **Can the bursary be used by the group, unit or Network?**

No. The bursary is for the young person themselves.

## **Is there a certificate that goes with it?**

Yes – the 20 recipients will each receive a certificate.

## **Is the recipient entitled to wear a special badge or medal?**

No, there is no accompanying badge or medal for this.

## **Are these annual bursaries?**

Bear has kindly agreed to fund this next year too.

## **Will the recipients be printed in the St George's Day Awards supplement?**

No. We will contact the nominee to inform them of the young person's success.

## **Will the recipients get to meet Bear Grylls?**

Sorry - this is unlikely due to time and logistics.

## **Will there be an awards ceremony?**

No awards ceremony is planned.

## **Do these replace the meritorious, gallantry or any other awards?**

No. This is an entirely separate scheme. All young people in Scouts are eligible for these bursaries – however they will need to be entered by a volunteer. Winners of existing awards will not be automatically entered but will be considered if entered.

Please note that these bursaries are not intended to recognise individual acts of bravery – rather they are for those who have demonstrated Scout values (cooperation, integrity, care, respect and belief) character, resilience, and positivity, and/or who have supported their group or local community.

## **How will data be protected?**

Volunteers nominating young people as Unsung Heroes will be asked to provide their contact information for the purpose of informing them the outcome of the grant. It will not be used for any other purpose or shared with third parties.

In completing the nomination form this may include sensitive information about a young person. We have asked for applicants to use initials of the nominee or 'they' in the description as opposed to naming the young person, for anonymity. We will contact the winners for their names of these have been selected by the youth panel. The application sensitive data has been limited to essential information for the panel to make a decision. The data will be held on a password protected document with restricted access. The personal data is being used for this purpose and only this purpose. The youth panel will only see the reason for nomination to anonymise the shortlisting process and reduce bias.

The Scout Grants Committee who are administering the Chief Scout's Unsung Heroes fund takes your personal data privacy seriously. The data you provide to us is securely stored in our electronic grant records. We will keep the data we capture from this form for seven years in line with financial records keeping legislation. Application forms will be deleted from our electronic form within 12 months of the financial year end.

For more information, please see our [data protection policy](#)

## **Is this initiative linked to any other unsung hero campaign, TV or newspaper?**

No. This is a new and separate initiative.