



Folk Camps Society Limited

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DISCOVER & PROMOTE BURSARIES

APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2025

What are Folk Camps?

Folk Camps Society is a charity that has been running for more than 50 years, with the aim of preserving and passing on 'The Folk Tradition'. With an emphasis on participation and creating a community, we offer a variety of camping holidays across Britain in beautiful locations, where volunteer staff help organise and lead musical activities, with daily workshops, singarounds and ceilidhs. Our summer week-long camps include all meals, with everyone lending a hand at the necessary chores. We also run self cater weekend and special themed camps.

What does the Bursary scheme offer?

We are offering the opportunity to experience a Folk Camps holiday for the cost of only £50. The balance is paid by the Bursary. This is worth up to £300 (for a week long fully catered summer camp). All camping holidays in the current year's programme are included in the scheme (except winter hotel-based holidays), from fully-catered summer holiday weeks to short, themed workshop weekends. A bursary is a great opportunity for you to develop your musicianship, perhaps in learning new repertoire, perhaps in honing your workshop skills.

What is the aim of the bursaries?

We hope that the **Discover Bursaries** will help us to increase the number of folk artists who attend our camps. In return, we hope that you will have the experience of a lifetime, make friends, learn some new skills, network (many Folk Campers also organise festivals and clubs), tell people you know about us, and return another year. Part of our charitable purpose is to preserve and pass on the folk traditions of the British Isles. We want more people to know about Folk Camps, about our great holidays and the role they can play in preserving and developing traditional music, song and dance.

With the **Promote Bursaries**, we are keen to improve our publicity and marketing to the Folk world outside Folk Camps. We are also very keen to involve more Folk Campers in substantive roles.

What do I have to do if I am offered a bursary?

There is no obligation on the recipient of a **Discover Bursary** to carry out any specific camp activity, other than participating with the usual duties that all campers need to do. We greatly value the volunteering ethos that lies at the heart of Folk Camps. However, we know that the way to get the most out of our holidays is to participate as much as possible, so you will be encouraged to learn and share during your holiday. If you have a wonderful time – and we are confident that you will – we would love you to tell your friends about us and spread the word. All the camp staff are volunteers, so maybe one day you'll decide to join them!

If you are offered a **Promote Bursary**, we expect you to carry out your project to the timescale as agreed with the Bursary Co-ordinator.

Who can apply?

Discover: New to Folk Camps, adults aged 18+, active in a Folk tradition (musician, caller, singer, dancer...)

Promote: Adults aged 18+, open to both new to Folk Camps and existing Folk Campers

Completing the application form

We want to offer the bursaries where we think there will be mutual benefit to both Folk Camps and to you, so please try to put as much information as possible on the form, adding pages if necessary. If applying for a **Discover Bursary**, please tell us all about your Folk skills. If applying for a **Promote Bursary**, we are interested in seeing your plan or scheme for promoting Folk Camps.

Please also provide the name of someone who is willing to be contacted about your application.

Please email your completed form to: bursary@folkcamp.co.uk



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1. Your Details	
Full Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Telephone	
Email	
Date of Birth	
2. About our camps	
Which camp do you want to attend? (Use the description on the Programme and Booking page of our website www.folkcampssociety.co.uk . Include dates)	
As we limit the number of bursary places at any one camp, do you have a second choice?	
If a friend is also applying for the same camp, please tell us their name.	
How did you hear about this bursary?	
3. Discover Bursary Applicants only	
If you are active in Folk Arts, are you a musician, dancer, singer, storyteller, etc.?	
Please give a full description of your involvement in Folk Arts (details of what you play/sing/etc., type of dancing (eg Morris), bands, clubs, choirs, etc.) Please include details such as your level of involvement, how often, how long, level of competence, etc. Do you organize / participate / share / teach / etc.	
Please give the name & email of someone we can contact who is happy to support your application for a bursary.	



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4. Promote Bursary Applicants only	
<p>Please summarise your suggested project or promotion here. You are encouraged to give further details on another page.</p> <p>Please ensure that your description covers the following:</p> <p>What will you do?</p> <p>What will you gain from the project?</p> <p>What do you expect the benefit to be for Folk Camps?</p>	
<p>Please give the name & email of someone we can contact who is happy to support your application for a bursary.</p>	

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