



# YOUNG SHOOTERS' FUND

## A GUIDE TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

*The following guide aims to support individuals and groups as they go through the Young Shooters' Fund application process.*

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*Thank you for your interest in the Young Shooters' Fund, we hope this guide will offer you all the information you need. If you have any queries regarding the fund, please contact the following email: [ysf@nra.org.uk](mailto:ysf@nra.org.uk)*



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## BACKGROUND OF YSF

The Young Shooters' Fund (YSF) is a dedicated initiative designed to support young individuals aged 17-24 who are passionate about shooting but face financial and resourcing barriers.

The YSF aims to provide vital resources, including the loan of a suitable firearm or piece of equipment for sole use, enabling young shooters who demonstrate commitment and potential to continue their journey in competitive shooting. Applications are open to individuals and groups who partake in NRA target shooting disciplines, ensuring equal opportunities for all young people.

In addition to equipment loans, recipients may, at the discretion of the YSF committee, have the option to purchase the equipment at the end of their support period at a fair market value based on third-party estimates. The goal of the YSF is to ensure that financial barriers do not hinder young shooters from pursuing or continuing their passion for the sport.

The fund is managed by a specialised youth-focused committee, and the contributions to the fund come from those within the shooting community. If you, or someone you know, wishes to donate to the fund, please contact [ysf@nra.org.uk](mailto:ysf@nra.org.uk) for information.



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## ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPORT

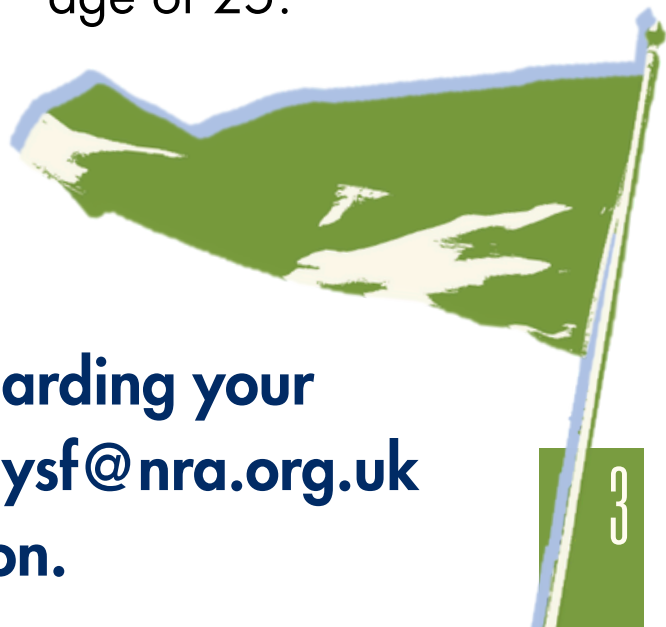
Applications can be completed for individuals or groups depending on the circumstances of the request. Please refer to the relevant eligibility for your situation.

### INDIVIDUALS

- Aged between 17-24 years old
- Full individual member of the NRA prior to making an application
- Actively engaged or intending to compete in shooting discipline(s)
- Lacking the financial resources to purchase their own equipment or limited in their participation or progression with an NRA discipline by lack of access to suitable equipment

### GROUPS

- Clubs, Schools, Associations, teams and groups must be, either affiliated to the NRA, or comprised of individual members of the NRA prior to making an application
- Applications must be for activities that will directly support those under the age of 25.



**If you are uncertain regarding your eligibility, please reach out [ysf@nra.org.uk](mailto:ysf@nra.org.uk) for confirmation.**

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## CONDITIONS FOR SUPPORT

Prior to submitting an application, you must ensure that you are in a position to adhere to the conditions of support listed below.

Alongside these, you will be required to sign a loan agreement - a copy of this agreement can be provided on request.

### **YSF support is subject to the following conditions:**

- Recipients must remain members or affiliates of the NRA throughout the term of the Support Agreement;
- Hire equipment must be maintained in good condition and submitted for annual inspection by NRA armoury staff;
- Loaned firearms must be serviced each year by a competent gunsmith;
- Use of the rifle must be logged in the NRA's JustGo portal and an accurate barrel count must be provided for loan firearms;
- Recipients must lodge an application for a FAC for the loan firearm within 3 months of the commencement of a firearm loan agreement;
- Recipients must enter and take part in competitions organised by the NRA each calendar year (details subject to discussion);
- The standard term of the support agreement is three years; and
- Recipients will assist the NRA in promoting and supporting the YSF scheme as set out in the support contract (no monetary obligation is placed on the individual/club)



**Failure to adhere to these conditions will, at the discretion of the YSF committee, result in rescinding of the loan agreement and return of equipment.**

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## HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM

### 1. Ensure you are the correct person to be completing the application form

#### INDIVIDUAL

Applicants are welcome to apply on behalf of themselves or, applications may be submitted on behalf of potential recipients by one of the following, who should themselves not be eligible for support from the Fund:

- An official of a Club, School or Association affiliated to the NRA, of which the potential recipient is a member;
- An officer of a cadet organisation of which the potential recipient is, or recently has been, a member of; or
- The Captain of a County, NRA, Home Country or NRA authorised GB representative team of which the potential recipient is, or was, a member.

#### GROUP

Applications for groups must be submitted by one of the following:

- An official of a Club, School or Association affiliated to the NRA
- An officer of a cadet organisation affiliated to the NRA; or
- The Captain or Manager of an NRA authorised Gb or GB age restricted representative team

### 2. Complete Section One of the application form

**If you are completing the application on behalf of yourself:**

- Ensure the details you are listing are your own, and you have full NRA membership.

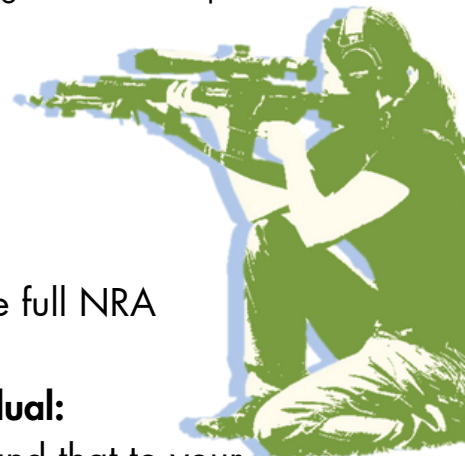
**If you are completing the application on behalf of another individual:**

- Ensure the details you are listing are those of the applicant, and that to your knowledge all the information is correct.

**If you are completing the application on behalf of a group:**

- Ensure the details you are listing are those of the group, and not for yourself.
- Please disregard any fields which may not apply to a group application.

*For all applicants, should you require additional space to list 'details of the applicant' please ensure this is referenced on the application form and additional information is submitted alongside the form.*



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## 3. Complete Section Two of the application form

This section gives applicants the opportunity to state what support they require from the YSF. Please provide as much detail as possible so the committee can make an informed decision regarding your application. If you are uncertain of the support you may require, please state that in this section and the committee will be able to provide options should your application be approved.

**At the end of this section, we require the applicant to sign the form. The form cannot be accepted without this signature:**

If you are completing the application on behalf of yourself:

- Please put your own signature at the end of Section Two.

If you are completing the application on behalf of another individual:

- Please ensure the applicant puts their own signature at the end of Section Two.

If you are completing the application on behalf of a group:

- Please ensure an official from within the group puts their signature at the end of Section Two.

## 4. Complete Section Three of the application form

*Guidance for Section Three can be found on Page 7 'Requirements for Referees'*

## APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST



- ☐ Read through the application form guide
- ☐ Make sure you are the correct person to complete the form
- ☐ Make sure the applicant has an NRA membership or NRA affiliation
- ☐ Complete Section One, Two and Three
- ☐ Ensure any accompanying information is included when submitting the application
- ☐ Be prepared to answer questions once you submit the application



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## REQUIREMENTS FOR REFEREES

Some applications require details of a referee to certify the status of the applicant. Please refer to the information relevant to your situation:

### INDIVIDUAL

You must have an organisation endorsing your application - this organisation must be affiliated to the NRA.

You will need two referees from within that organisation to sign off Section Three of your application.

They must not be eligible for the Fund themselves or be related to the applicant, and they cannot be an RFD (due to conflict of interest).

### ON BEHALF OF AN INDIVIDUAL

If you are applying on behalf of someone then you must act as their referee. Please complete 'Referee 1' of Section Three with your personal details.

The applicant will not need to provide a second referee in this situation (unless you are related to the applicant). However, one may be requested by the committee at a later date.

### GROUPS

Applications from groups do not require referees from another organisation. However, Section Three should be used to list the details of two officials within the group that are endorsing the application.

'Referee 1' should list the details of the individual applying on behalf of the group.

'Referee 2' should list the details of a secondary official within the group.



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## WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOU APPLY

You will receive a confirmation email, and we may include a request for clarification or extra information about an aspect of your application.



The application will be taken to the YSF committee for review. The committee meet every few months, so you may not hear back straight away. We will try to offer you a date for decision should you request one.



Once a decision has been made, we will reach out to you via the contact details provided. If you were unsuccessful we will endeavour to provide a reason and will recommend you re-apply should circumstances change.



Once the applicant has received the firearm/equipment, we will remain in contact to ensure the terms of the loan agreement are being met, and that the applicant is supported in any issues that may arise.



If you are successful, we will layout next steps for you dependent on the details of your application. These may include further discussions with the committee.



An element of the loan agreement states that you will aid in promoting the Fund, therefore you may be invited to events to represent the Fund throughout your loan team.

