

# The Eddie Byers Scholarship

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## *Information for applicants*

The Eddie Byers Scholarship was created in memory of our late chief executive to provide financial support to individuals and projects that aim to change lives and communities for the better through English language teaching.

*The Eddie Byers Scholarship's mission is to enrich and support individuals and communities through English language teaching.*

The scholarship both honours Eddie's passion for education and supports English UK's charitable mission to advance the education of international students in the English language.

## **About the scholarship**

English is spoken by billions of people around the world. For many, learning English brings significant new opportunities in employment, education and travel – for many it is a life changing skill.

The Eddie Byers Scholarship provides funding to create English language learning opportunities that might not otherwise be available and that would be transformative for individuals and their communities, whether by enabling employment, education, integration, teaching or more.

Funding worth up to £2,500 per project (at the discretion of the scholarship committee) will be available each year for an initial three years. A maximum of £10,000 will be available for scholarship awards each year for an initial three years.

## **Eligibility**

We are looking for projects from organisations that fulfil the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be a UK registered charity
2. Their services must be non-discriminatory
3. The applicant must be able to deliver the proposed project and impact reporting.

The project must:

1. Use English language teaching to improve the prospects and opportunities open to an individual and/or their community
2. Be a specific activity, extra provision or items/ materials beyond those generally offered.
3. Support individuals regardless of religion, political affiliation, gender etc.
4. Not be possible without Eddie Byers Scholarship funding.

## Application process

The Eddie Byers Scholarship opens to applications in the spring of each year. Details and a link to the application form can be found online at [www.englishuk.com/eddie-byers-scholarship](http://www.englishuk.com/eddie-byers-scholarship).

- Applications can only be submitted by a UK registered charity
- Application forms must be completed in full and submitted by midnight on the deadline
- Applications will then be assessed against the short listing criteria below
- Successful applicants will be informed no later than four weeks after the deadline

Only one application is permitted per organisation in each funding round, however each application could include funding for several individuals as part of a single project.

## Short-listing criteria

The Eddie Byers Scholarship committee will shortlist eligible applications against the following criteria, based on the information provided in your application form:

**Impact:** The committee is looking for projects that will have a significant, positive impact on individuals and communities and create opportunities that might not otherwise have been available.

**Need:** The committee is looking for projects that reach those who would not otherwise have access to the funds required and to whom the money will make a significant difference.

**Focus on English:** The committee is looking for projects that focus on English language and the difference English language teaching can make to individuals and communities.

**Community engagement:** The committee is looking for projects that engage and support wider communities, whether through the integration, skills and contribution of an individual or direct engagement across all levels of the community in a project without discrimination.

## Terms and conditions

Applicants for The Eddie Byers Scholarship agree to be bound by these terms and conditions:

- One application is permitted per organisation in each funding round, however each application could include funding for several individuals as part of a single project.
- All applications must be completed and received in full by midnight on the deadline date.
- Applications that do not meet the conditions set out herein, that are incomplete or ineligible, or that are received after the deadline will not be considered.
- All applications must be received via the Eddie Byers scholarship application form ([found on the English UK website here](#)). English UK accepts no responsibility for applications that are lost, corrupted, damaged or delayed in transit.
- Scholarships will be awarded by the Eddie Byers Scholarship committee on a discretionary basis based on the merit of each application. The committee's decision is final.
- Successful applicants will be notified within four weeks of the deadline.
- Amount offered may vary from the sum requested at the discretion of the Eddie Byers Scholarship committee.
- Scholarship money will be allocated to the applicant (UK charity) - funds will not be awarded directly to an individual.
- No other alternatives to the scholarship will be offered and the scholarship is not transferable.
- The scholarship recipient is responsible for arranging travel, accommodation, insurance and visas where applicable. English UK may be available to assist if necessary.
- English UK is not responsible for government decisions – (for example rejected visa applications). Should a beneficiary for any reason be prevented from taking up the award, then English UK reserves the right to revise or withdraw the funding.
- Grant monies must be allocated within six months and spent within 18 months of award.
- Project must begin within six months of award
- In accepting the scholarship, the recipient/ beneficiary agrees to take part in promotional activities to publicise the scholarship
- In accepting the scholarship, the recipient/beneficiary agrees to complete impact reporting as specified by English UK. This may include photographs, video footage, quotes and written reports. Reporting requirements of will be specified with the scholarship offer.
- The promoter of the scholarship is English UK, 219 St John Street, London EC1V 4LY.
- If not all scholarship monies are allocated to suitable projects, the remaining scholarship money will be rolled over to the following year.