



Young & Talented Cornwall Spirit of Trevithick Award

Application form – January 2024

Registration

If you are a young innovator in Cornwall, in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, but facing financial and personal challenges, the Young & Talented Cornwall Spirit of Trevithick Award is here to help.

We believe every young person should have every opportunity to follow their dreams. So, if you live in Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly and have a passion for STEM, why not apply? Award recipients will receive mentoring sessions with an established Cornwall based company or innovator who will help guide them and offer first-hand advice to help them achieve their full potential.

And not only that, recipients can also be granted a cash award of up to £2,000 for the development of a particular project, or to contribute to a specific piece of equipment within the area of STEM, that contributes to their career development. It might be a contribution towards a research trip, or more practical help with technical kit or software.

You are eligible to apply for this award if you are:

- 16 – 23 years old (your age will be taken into account when assessing applications)
- A resident of Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly
- A talented young innovator within STEM
- Able to produce two recent references (within the last three months) that are dated, signed and on headed paper
- Looking for mentoring and financial support to achieve your goals
- Be able to show your passion and determination through a personal statement – up to 500 words
- Prepared to be an ambassador for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

I agree that I have read and understood the above

Section 1 - Applicant

- Name and Address Details
 - Your full name
 - Street
 - Town/City
 - County
 - Postcode
 - Telephone number
 - Email address
- Reconfirm your name and contact details
 - Title
 - Forename(s)

- Surname
- Applicant Date of Birth
- Home Phone
- Mobile Phone
- Email

Section 2 - About you and your talent

- *Applicant's Details*
 - Funding dates
 - Local authority
 - Postcode

- *Household make up*
If you live at home please let us know the name(s) of your parent(s)/carer(s)/guardian(s) along with their occupation(s). If you are under 18, can we also have their telephone number(s) and email address(es). If you have any siblings let us know how many.

- *Financial circumstances - to be completed by a parent/carer/guardian/yourself (if you no longer live at home).*
This information is very important in assessing your financial situation. If this is not completed the grant panel will not be able to make a judgement on your application.

We need:

- Joint income in household per annum
- All benefits in household per annum
- Brief resume of essential outgoings (rent, mortgage, travel to work etc.)

- *Education, qualifications and training details*
Are you in education/work/NEET? Name of school/college/university/training provider. What educational grades/training qualifications have you achieved to date? Detail qualifications you are working towards.

- *STEM Ambassador*
Do you take part in any additional STEM-related activities, such as volunteering or supporting younger people? How could you share your experiences through Young & Talented Cornwall to encourage young people to think about a future in STEM in Cornwall?

- *Personal statement (500 words)*
What STEM idea would you like to explore more deeply? What are your aspirations as a future pioneer of STEM? What has inspired you to want to make a difference in this area and how do you hope to see it continue in the future?

One example of an idea that could be explored might be:

‘Cornwall has a rich supply of seaweed across its shorelines, how can we apply knowledge/theories from biology, physics, chemistry to spearhead the creation of nature inspired products and services to protect Cornwall’s people, places and our

planet? How could we use seaweed to create sustainable swimwear, surfboards or wetsuits?’

- *Successful applicants will be able to apply for up to £2,000 to spend on equipment, travel, research and courses to support their development. The application for this section of the award will be made in collaboration with the mentor.*

If you already have an idea on how you might like to spend this grant, please detail it here.

Section 3 – Consent

- Read and understood the guidelines
- Answered every question
- **Optional** - Submitted an additional document explaining the idea you would like to explore, potentially including a drawing or image.
- Submitted two independent written references. These can be from a variety of sources; for example a teacher, tutor, or somebody who will be able to vouch for your interest and talent. References should identify your achievement. They must be dated, signed and on headed paper.