



ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

# Photographic Bursary for Rural Schools

## Application Form



Please fill out and return this form by email to [contemporaryweb@rps.org](mailto:contemporaryweb@rps.org) by 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

Name of School	
Address	
	Post code:
Population of Settlement:	
Age Range of Students/Pupils at the School:	
Named staff contact with their position and contact details (e-mail)	
Name:	Email:
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Proposed age-range of the students/pupils who will be involved	
Proposed number of students/pupils who will be involved	
Please describe, as far as possible, the current photographic experience and competence of the students/pupils involved	
Please describe the photographic equipment that the school currently has access to use	

Please describe, in no more than three hundred words, the nature of the proposed project

Please describe how the bursary would be used to support the project

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**Terms:**

- i. The Contemporary Photography Special Interest Group of The Royal Photographic Society wishes to award a single bursary of £1500 to support a photographic project that conveys the experience of being a school student in a rural environment.
- ii. Applications are invited from any school in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man and Channel Islands that is situated in a settlement with a population of under ten thousand people (or which has been designated as Rural by the relevant Government Legislation) and educates students/pupils under the age of sixteen.
- iii. The bursary will be made to the school that, in the opinion of the assessment panel appointed by the Contemporary Group Committee, shows the clearest vision for the completion of a successful project which will also develop the photographic skills of the students/pupils involved. The assessment panel may decide to produce a short-list of no more than four schools and to ask these schools to expand the description of their proposed project.
- iv. The project could cover the experience of being a school pupil or student in a rural environment in general or it could focus on one or more specific aspects of that experience, such as the journey to and from school.
- v. The successful school would need to provide a named contact who would be responsible for the local supervision of the project.
- vi. The project must result in a tangible outcome in the form of an exhibition, a book or a Zine. Any exhibition would need to be held in a publicly accessible location. Work must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 although any exhibition and/or publicity can be held after that date.
- vii. The bursary would be made on the condition that whatever the format of the outcome it can be reported in RPS media and in press, television and/or radio if the opportunity arises.
- viii. The school would be responsible for obtaining the necessary permissions for the recording and reproduction of any images of any person under the age of eighteen included in the project. An example "model release" is available at <https://rps.org/resources/#MO>, an editable Word document <https://rps.org/media/ipgo0mcb/rps-model-release-form-word-document.docx>
- ix. The work must be produced solely by the pupils/students involved, all of whom must be under the age of sixteen on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Guidance and supervision by staff or volunteers is permitted as appropriate to the ages of the students/pupils involved.
- x. Images can be taken using any form of equipment, for example digital or analogue cameras, smart phones, tablets, etc. We are more interested in outcomes rather than technology.
- xi. The RPS Contemporary Photography Special Interest Group Committee will support the successful school through the provision of a named member of the Group to provide advice on Contemporary Photography and the presentation of the project.
- xii. The closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> April and any request for additional information from schools with shortlisted projects will be made by 12<sup>th</sup> May. The successful school will be informed of the outcome no later than 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- xiii. The application must be made using the PDF form. (Note: Tools like Adobe Acrobat Reader allow text to be directly inserted in the form.)