



BURSARIES

The Lourdes bursary scheme was created to ensure that the most experienced helpers can continue to volunteer after they are no longer supported by school, parents or guardians to pay for the cost of the pilgrimage.

If you are less experienced, or a first time volunteer, the bursary system is not closed to you however we would strongly advise you to seek support from your school, university, parish or workplace.

The OMV also will 'match fund' you if you independently fundraise for the OMV. For every £3 you raise we will give you a £1 discount off the cost of the pilgrimage.

We will only award bursaries to people who are paying for their own place on the pilgrimage; we take the information you give us on trust and expect everyone to be honest.

The OMV, as a charity, has a limited bursary fund and awards are made at the committee's discretion.

AVAILABLE AWARDS

The Lourdes team are able to make awards of between £100 and £250 towards the cost of the pilgrimage. The size of the award will depend on how well your application fits our criteria.

AWARD CRITERIA

Your bursary application will be judged on the following criteria:

- 40% Your experience in Lourdes (including any positions of responsibility)
- 25% Your experience on other OMV activities (including any positions of responsibility or support)
- 20% Income*
- 10% Other skills (e.g. healthcare experience, language skills, singing)
- 5% Committee discretion (e.g. family breakdown, illness or bereavement)

*Income criteria - we will ask you to indicate which income band you fall within: Student, <£10k, £11-15k, £16-£20k, £21-£25k, £26-£30k.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

If you earn more than £30k per annum a bursary won't be available to you, however it may be possible for you to pay in instalments. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator to discuss this.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Please make your bursary application before 12th April. The bursary application form is available [here](#). The Lourdes team will respond to all applications on 14th April. You will have until 19th April to pay for your place on the pilgrimage via the Lourdes volunteer application form. If you are awarded a bursary you will be sent a discount code. If you are not successful you may still apply for the pilgrimage and you may be able to pay in instalments.

APPLICATION FORM

The bursary application form will be uploaded once applications have opened on the 18th March.