



## The Orbit Rising Stars Award

We want to promote and celebrate the many talents and positive achievements of younger Orbit East and Orbit South residents from across the region. The new "Rising Stars" awards are designed for young people, up to and including 16 year olds, who need a small amount of money to help them take the next steps towards achieving a personal goal.

The awards will be used to support young people taking up and participating in cultural, artistic, educational and sporting activities, to pay for short courses, tuition or coaching fees as well as participate in one-off trips, summer schemes and other similar activities.

The 'Rising Stars' award is open to children of tenants and residents of Orbit East and Orbit South Housing Associations. Applicants must be 16 or under.

## Criteria & Terms of the Award

**This tells you about how the scheme works, what it can pay for and who can apply.**

### How does it work?

1. You can apply for up to £250 per child. If you are applying for more than one child then up to a maximum of £500 per household.
2. An Award covers the cost of activities or a series of lessons over a 12-month period.
3. You cannot apply for another Award until 12 months after the date the payment was made (please phone if you need to know the exact date).
4. The payment will be made directly to the activity provider e.g. school, club or tutor and not to the parent/carer or young person.

### What can it pay for?

5. Awards can be used to pay for a one-off trip (e.g. a school, youth club or church trip), a holiday scheme, a series of lessons/classes or coaching sessions for up to 12 months / up to £250.

Some examples of the activities we can fund are:

- Any cultural activity (such as lessons in art, music, dance, drama)
  - Help with education (such as extra tuition, school trips or visits)
  - Sporting activities (such as swimming, football, martial arts, tennis or other lessons in a sport of your choice)
6. Awards will be made for the activity or training **ONLY**, not for buying equipment, clothes or uniforms.

### **Who can apply?**

7. The Rising Stars Award is available for all children of residents of Orbit East and Orbit South Housing Associations **only**. Address details will be checked on the Orbit database.
8. The child must be 16 years old or under.

### **References**

9. All Applications must be accompanied by a typed or hand-written reference on official headed paper.

### **Attending Your Activity**

10. Parents/carers are responsible for informing Orbit East and Orbit South if the young person does not continue to attend their chosen activity or event. There may be unexpected events where the young person misses sessions or drops out of the activity e.g. ill health and you will need to provide a letter telling us why.
11. If the Association is not told about the above problem, the parent could be responsible for repaying the Award. They will also not be eligible for an Award again.

### **Monitoring progress and publicity consent**

12. Following a successful application, Orbit East and Orbit South Housing Associations may want to check and monitor how the activity is progressing. We may want to use publicity photographs and details about the successful applicant and their progress in annual reports and newsletters etc. To do this, Orbit East and Orbit South Housing Associations will require written consent from a Parent or Guardian.