

## Instructions to the Nordic Youth Pool

The Nordic Youth Pool is part of the project Nordic Youth in Sustainable Societies (NUBF). The purpose of [NUBF](#) is to create sustainable societies and cultural engagement between young people across the Nordic countries. The pool will grant support to youth-led activities where young people from at least two Nordic countries are included.

This document is a supplemental instruction to the pool's guidelines. It can be used as a help for the pool application. However, we strongly recommend that you also read the [pool guidelines](#) while writing your application.

### How do you apply?

The application scheme and guidelines can be found online, on [NUBF's webpage](#). The pool is open for application once every year.

The application requires master data on all project managers and contact information to at least one person per country and organization. You also need a project description which includes a full schedule, a complete budget and bank information for the organization/group applying for the pool.

### Who can apply?

*All youth associations and self-organized youth groups, which work according to democratic principles and are based in the Nordic countries, can apply for the pool.*

You need to choose one person who is responsible for the application. If the person is below the age of 18, you also need someone legally responsible for the application. The person responsible for the application should also be the contact person for the activity, whose details you fill in the application form.

The application requires you to express if you are applying as a self-organized youth group or as an established youth organization. A group of friends, a class from school, some people with the same hobbies or something completely different, can all count as a self-organized youth group.

It is possible to cooperate across types of organizations and groups. A self-organized youth group can apply for the pool while cooperating with an already established organization. For example, a role-playing group can cooperate with a scout-organization, a political youth-organization or something completely different. It is also possible to apply with similar types of groups. For example, three scout-organizations from different countries, though they are similar, are also allowed to apply for the pool.

All activities must include organizations/groups from at least two Nordic countries. Applications with more than two countries can apply for a larger sum of grants.

All activities must be based on voluntary work and young people should have the main responsibility for the development and completion of the activity.

Please note! Only one organization/group has responsibility for the pool application. You choose which organization yourselves. Therefore, you should only send one application and the participating organization(s) should only be mentioned as partner(s). The responsible organization/group is also the one responsible for sending a final report of the grant.

### **Which type of activities is possible?**

*You can apply to the pool for activities which creates new Nordic youth-societies and strengthens the meeting between young people across the Nordic countries. The activities should focus on methods of dialogue, on anchoring Nordic cooperation opportunities, and the Sustainable Development Goals.*

Grants can be used for travel expenses, food, lodgings, materials, and facilities that will make possible the inclusion of young people from different organizations/groups in the activities. There are some limitations to what you can apply for which can be found in the guidelines.

### **Are there any criteria for the application?**

The criteria are presented in the pool guidelines. Below, some requirements are described more in-depth, which may help when you start your application.

- All activities must be managed by young people and be based on voluntary work.  
Young people must have the responsibility for developing and completing the project. Adults can have a facilitating role, but young people must have the final say in decision-making processes. In this context, young people are below 30 years of age. The activities must also be based on voluntary work where volunteers should be part of the decision-making processes, the planning and execution of activities. The fundamental parts of the projects should be without pay.
- The pool will accommodate applications that focus on sustainable Nordic cooperation  
In the application, it is important to focus on how the activity contributes to sustained Nordic cooperation across countries, organizations, interests etc. Is there anything special about your activity, where young people can develop even if they come from different organizations/groups and countries? Also, consider how your activity will increase opportunities for sustained relations and possible cooperation after it has ended.

- The activities must incorporate one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals  
The quality of incorporation is more important than the number of included SDGs. It is better to work with one SDG thoroughly than to include several without successfully incorporating them in the activity. The SDGs should not be what governs or controls the way the activity is developed but should be incorporated to some extent. For example, it may be possible to incorporate climate consciousness, inclusivity and diversity thinking or discussions regarding gender equality.

### **How much can you apply for?**

You need to plan and include the budget for the activity in the application. Consider how much money is needed for food, lodgings, transports, materials etc. It is also necessary to include if you have applied for other grants than the Nordic Youth Pool.

If the activity involves two countries it is possible to apply for 10.000-70.000 DKK.

If the activity involves three or more countries it is possible to apply for 10.000-100.000 DKK.

### **Final report**

The organization/group responsible for the application must report how the grants have been used at the end of the activities, by sending a sworn statement to the pool's secretariat. Random tests of the funds will be carried out.