

SCOTTISH CHILDMINDING ASSOCIATION GRANT SCHEME for CONFERENCE 2017

**"Childminding develops a child's mind"
Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline
30 September 2017**

The annual SCMA Conference is a key highlight in the SCMA events calendar. The theme for our 2017 conference is *Childminding Develops a Child's Mind* and our experts are preparing to engage with you on new and fun ways to explore and develop the mind of a child.

Our programme is packed full of innovative and inspiring ideas and is the only event of its kind in Scotland developed purely for childminders. Some of our workshops will be based around multisensory activities with practical ideas on how to use materials and your imagination to keep minded children engaged. In addition to exploring childminding issues from highly informed and respected perspectives, there will be plenty of opportunities to network with professionals in a relaxed environment that allows you to share ideas and make connections.

A childminder has a responsibility to promote and demonstrate a high level of professionalism when carrying out their work with children and families. Developing an understanding of this role in supporting learning and development and the mind of a child is crucial to achieving the best start in life for every child. The close relationship between a childminder and their minded child is one of the best ways to nourish their growing brain. When a childminder plays, sings, reads or tells a story and nurtures with healthy food, love and affection then the brain will grow.

This is your chance to apply for a subsidised place at the SCMA Conference 2017. A fund has been set aside for our childminder members to apply, should you wish to attend the 2017 Conference.

Grants of up to 50% of total costs will be available; the maximum allocation will be £125 per member. Priority will be given to Conference 2017 fees, accommodation and travel; additional items can be requested but may not be awarded if the grant fund is oversubscribed.

We expect the member to contribute at least 50% of the funds themselves via other fundraising arrangements or self-financing.

Conditions of Applications

1. Closing date for applications is 6 June 2017.
2. Only fully valid childminder members of SCMA are able to benefit from the grant fund. Members that apply under the grant scheme may do so for themselves only.
3. Prior to any monies being paid out receipts will be necessary.
4. All applicants will know the result of their application by 14 June 2017.
5. The last date for claiming money spent will be 1 November 2017

**Please return your completed application form including the relevant information to:
Sarah Sharp, SCMA, 7 Melville Terrace, Stirling, FK8 2ND
Tel: 01786 445377**

**INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM
SCMA CONFERENCE 2017**

Member's Full Name	
SCMA Membership Number	
Address (including postcode)	
Telephone Number	

Have you been to a previous SCMA Conference? YES NO

What do you hope to gain from attending the SCMA Conference 2017?

What is the total amount of grant that you are applying for?

How will this be spent? Please provide as much information as possible:

Please give a breakdown of your costs:

Item	Cost
Conference 2017 Fee	£
Accommodation	£
Travel	£
Other items (please list)	
	£
	£
	£
Total requested	£

Please detail any fundraising, including local fundraising, self-financing or if you have applied for funding for this project elsewhere?