

OMV Bursaries, Instalments and Independent travel Policy

This policy aims to set out guidelines of financial help that is available for taking part in activities, particularly the Lourdes pilgrimage and Lebanon. It is not comprehensive, but intended to provide guidelines. There are always specific cases where, if in doubt, advice should be sought in advance from the Treasurer.

Bursaries

The 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 activity. We consider your experience in OMV activities, your income and other relevant skills. The OMV, as a charity, has a limited bursary fund and awards are made at the committee's discretion. 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 financial support from your school, university, parish or workplace. If you would like to apply for a bursary, this should be done before applying, and you should await the committee's decision before applying for an activity.

Instalments

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. If you would like to pay in instalments, this should be agreed in advance with the activity organiser or the Treasurer, and the entire cost of the activity must have been paid in full at the latest a week before the activity commences. You should notify the activity organiser and/or the Treasurer when you make instalment payments. If there are extenuating circumstances that mean you cannot pay in full before the activity, this should be discussed with the Treasurer with a view to arranging a payment plan if necessary. If you have incurred qualifying expenses (see the OMV expenses policy), and owe the OMV money for instalment payments, your expenses will first be deducted off the amount you owe to the OMV for the activity.

Match funding

The OMV will also 'match fund' you. If you independently fundraise for the OMV, we will give you a £1 discount off the cost of an activity for every £3 you raise. Please speak to the OMV Treasurer for a discount code before applying for the activity.

Independent travel

If you would like to travel independently to an activity where the travel cost is included in the ticket price, please contact the activity organiser before you apply for the activity, as discounts may be available. Please note this discount is not available for all activities.