



Evelyn Baxter Scholarship 2025 | Macramé

The search for next year's Evelyn Baxter Scholars has begun! If you would like to become one of SWI's two scholars touring Scotland to teach fellow members throughout 2025, it's time to apply now. This scholarship celebrates Evelyn Baxter (1879-1959) who was an active SWI member and had a passion for sharing skills and promoting learning, values the SWI still holds dear.

What's the subject for 2025?

The subject is Macramé and scholars will be taught by Becky Cargill of Bonnie Wee Dreams. Becky has taught many people how to create beautiful pieces of macramé art and sells her own designs through her small business.

How does it work?

The two successful scholars will be taught how to teach members the basics art of macramé in preparation for delivering the 2025 programme of Evelyn Baxter classes at Federation level.

The scholars will then become the public face of the Evelyn Baxter Programme for 2025, liaising with central office to develop a calendar of classes each to teach their skills to members. They will both receive fully paid tuition, travel expenses and accommodation as part of their scholarship.

How do I become a scholar?

Please apply using the attached form. Tell us why you would like to become a scholar and detail any experience you may have in macramé and/or teaching, remembering life experience may be equally valuable.

Applicants will be interviewed, and two scholars will be selected by a small panel including the previous year's scholars and the Skills & Events Convenor. The successful candidates will then go on to receive a two-day tailored teaching programme which will enable them to learn the principles of teaching to facilitate learning.



Evelyn Baxter Scholarship - Application process

The two-day programme involves:

Day 1: Becky Cargill will spend the day teaching the two successful scholars on how to design and deliver a Macrame training class.

Day 2: Under the guidance of Becky Cargill, the scholars will test out their new teaching skills with members who want to be involved and are interested in learning Macrame.

Members who would like to come along can book a space **£30 per person which includes your tuition and lunch. Please note, we are limited to 6 places.**

September 9th - Deadline for applications.

September 16th - Applicant interviews. These will be conducted via Zoom.

September 23rd - Two applicants will be chosen as the SWI scholars for 2025.

October 14th-15th - Successful applicants will be trained in how to teach members macramé. This training be held at SWI central office, EH6 5PH

October 2024 Scholars announced.

October-December 2024 Scholars liaise with central office and Federations to set up a series of up to 12 classes for fellow members in locations around Scotland. These sessions are usually for groups of up to 15 members. All scholar expenses are paid for by Federations.

December 2024 The scholar's calendar of classes will be finalised by the end of 2024.

What skills do I need?

Skill sharing is at the heart of everything the SWI stands for, so its reputation relies on high-quality teaching from our scholars. The best scholars help members achieve their potential and require the following:

- Good communication skills including confident public speaking and active listening
- Advanced knowledge of macramé
- The ability to break down complex topics and make them more accessible
- Organisational skills
- Creative thinking

Do you have what it takes? We would love to hear from you!

Please contact beth.spencer@theswi.org.uk if you require any further information.



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Title _____

Name _____ Membership Number # _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Telephone no. _____

Federation _____ Main contact _____

Email _____

Tell us about yourself..

What skills do you have and why would you like to be an SWI scholar for 2025?
(Maximum 500 words)

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This form should be completed and returned via email to hello@theswi.org.uk OR posted **Unit 8, 1 Carmichael Place, Edinburgh EH6 5PH** by **Monday, 9th September 2024**.