

## ***WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?***

Support of education is an important effort regardless of where that support is directed. However, in the case of the MacLaren (Balquhiddel) Educational Fund, the interest of Clan MacLaren in the Balquhiddel area and its place in the history of the Clan makes this a project of extreme importance to us. The reduction of school age population in the region, the consequent decrease in opportunities for young people to interact with each other, and our special interest in the area makes this a very worthy effort.

To the visitor, the MacLaren presence in the Parish is certainly not obvious. Efforts are needed to remedy this situation. The establishment of the Educational Trust Fund with its associated publicity is a step in the right direction. More will have to be done to establish that this area is MacLaren Country.

A search of tourist information reveals that Balquhiddel is the location of Rob Roy's grave and little more. No mention is made in the literature, or at the site, that from that grave site one can view Creag An Turic, the rallying point for Clan MacLaren three or four centuries ago.

Tourism is important to the area and through this project and other efforts the tourist should become aware that this is traditional MacLaren Country.

## ***HOW TO PARTICIPATE***

This fund is designed to be supported by volunteer contributions. Although the Trust Fund was initiated with the desire for some immediate action in the Balquhiddel Parish, the major effects are by necessity long term.

Immediate activities will be financed by contributions of Clan Members with a specific interest in the endeavor. The structure of the Fund is ideal for consideration in Estate planning, and it is anticipated that major increases in the Fund will result from future bequeaths.

Your current contribution will make it possible to begin to implement the objectives of the Trust Fund and begin the impact of Clan MacLaren's efforts in "MacLaren Country" in Scotland.

### ***For further information to make a donation contact:***

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# **CLAN MACLAREN**

## ***MACLAREN***

## ***(BALQUHIDDER)***

## ***EDUCATIONAL TRUST***

## ***FUND***

## **An Opportunity to Contribute**

The MacLaren (Balquhiddier) Educational trust is a joint project of The Clan MacLaren Society in Scotland (CMSS) and The Clan MacLaren Society of North America (CMSNA). It is supported by Clan Chief, Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine.

### ***OBJECTIVES:***

1. To provide financial and other support to the young people connected with the Parish of Balquhiddier with the general aim of developing their skills and talents in life by means of educational and sporting activities.
2. To promote student exchange and educational visits involving the young people of Balquhiddier.

In meeting these OBJECTIVES, the Clan Societies will raise the profile of the Clan MacLaren in its traditional Clan homeland.

### ***ELIGIBILITY***

Pupils and students who have attended schools in the parish of Balquhiddier or who are residents in the Parish while attending schools or colleges elsewhere would be eligible for support.

Group activities such as school trips may also be considered eligible.

## ***OPERATION OF THE TRUST FUND***

There are five Trustees:

- 1) The Chief of Clan MacLaren (Trustee ex officio),
- 2) The President of Clan MacLaren Society of North America or his appointee,
- 3) Three Trustees of The Clan MacLaren Society in Scotland elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society

### ***ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

The trustees shall appoint an Advisory Committee to make recommendations on awards from the Fund.

The Committee includes:

- 1) The Parish Minister of The Church of Scotland for Balquhiddier.
- 2) A Teacher in the Parish of Balquhiddier, from the primary schools of Strathyre or Lochearnhead.
- 3) The Headmaster of MacLaren High School, Callander, or his representative.
- 4) A nominee of the Trustees.

or persons of similar standing to those in 1) - 3) above.

## ***FUNDS***

The Trustees shall hold and apply the initial funds received and such other funds or assets, added by way of accumulation of income, transferred by a Clan MacLaren Society, or given or bequeathed by members or friends of one of the Societies.

### ***ASSISTANCE***

Assistance is intended to be in addition to and not in place of provision by the state or by the local educational authority.

The Assistance available will of course depend on funds held in the Trust.

### ***MEETINGS***

The Trustees shall hold at least one meeting annually as deemed necessary.

### ***TRUSTEE VOTING***

If need arises, the Chief will have the casting Vote. The President of Clan MacLaren Society of North America or his/her delegate participates in meetings of the Trustees in person, by phone, in writing, or by appointment of a proxy at the meeting.

### ***REPORTING***

Financial statements and reports of activities shall be prepared on 5th April each year for submission to Clan MacLaren Society in Scotland and to Clan MacLaren Society of at their respective Annual General Meeting.