

How to submit an online application

Open grants call 2025-2026

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How to use this guide

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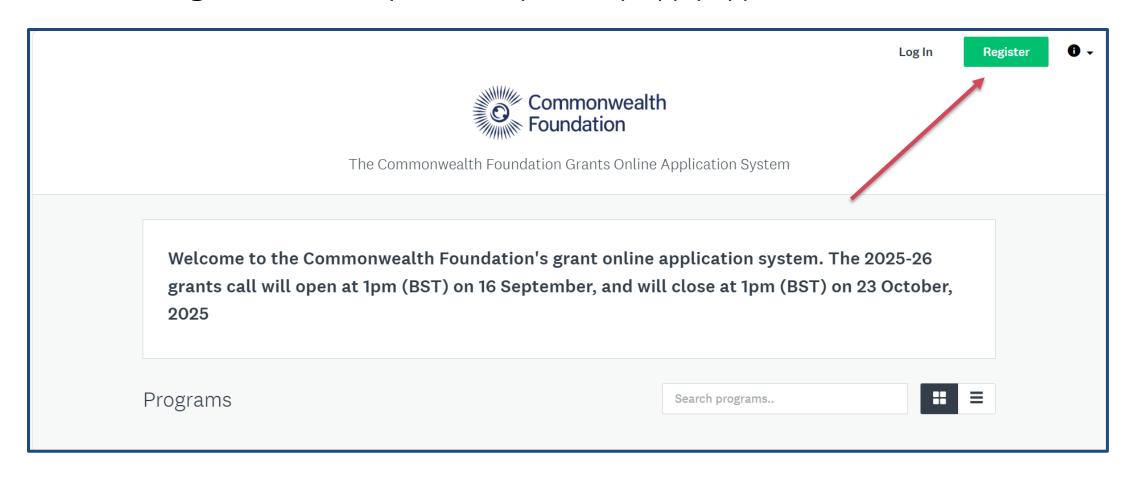
- This PowerPoint is a user manual for organisations who are applying for grants under our Commonwealth Civil Society Programme
- The manual provides guidance about how to apply using our online SurveyMonkey Apply <u>online application system</u>
- The Commonwealth Foundation will only accept applications that have been submitted using the online application system.





Register to apply

• Click on 'Register' to create your SurveyMonkey Apply applicant account

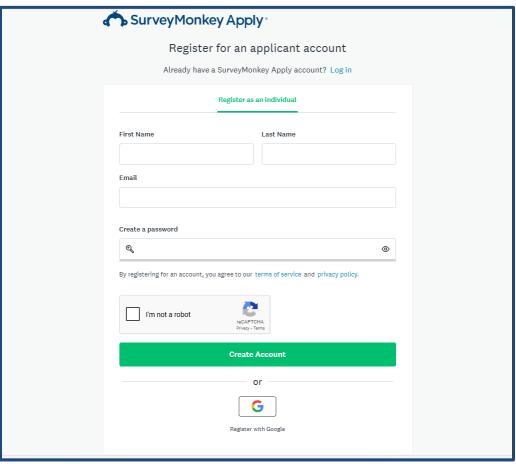


Register to apply

- SurveyMonkey Apply are the providers of the <u>online</u> <u>platform</u> we are using for the grant applications in 2025
- Before applying, you need to create a SurveyMonkey Apply Applicant account
- Go to the next slide to find out how



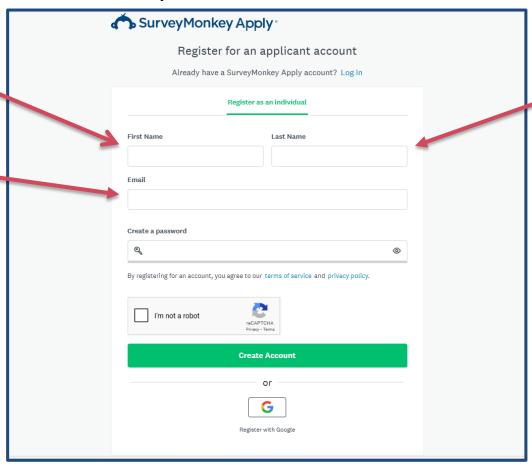
Complete the registration form





Step 2a

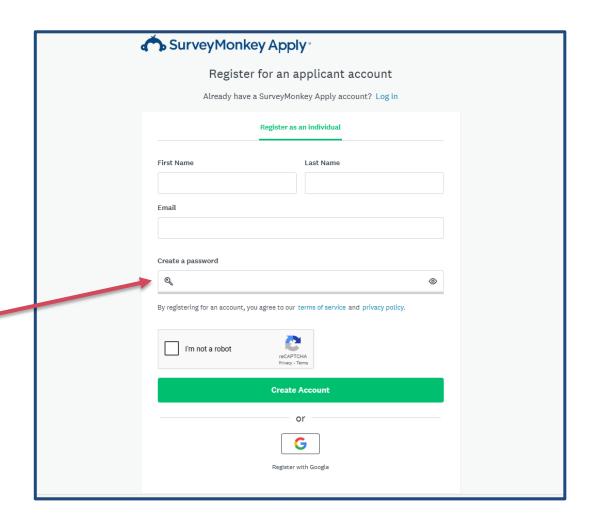
• Fill in your first and last name, and your email address





Step 2b

Set a password





Step 2c

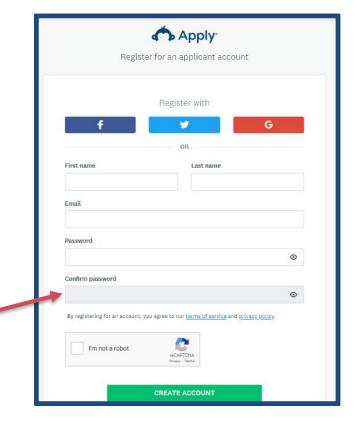
- Your password must contain at least
 - 8 characters
 - One uppercase letter
 - One lowercase letter
 - One number
 - One special character





Step 2d

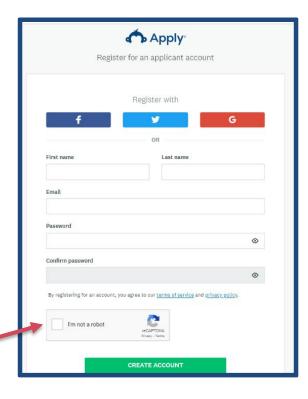
Confirm your password





Step 2e

Complete the CAPTCHA by ticking the box

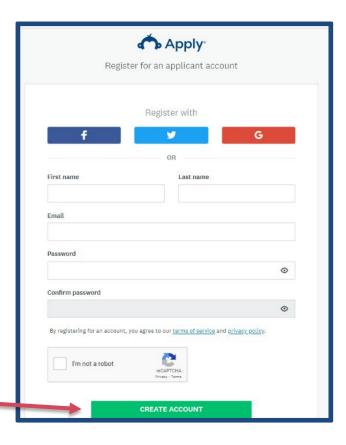






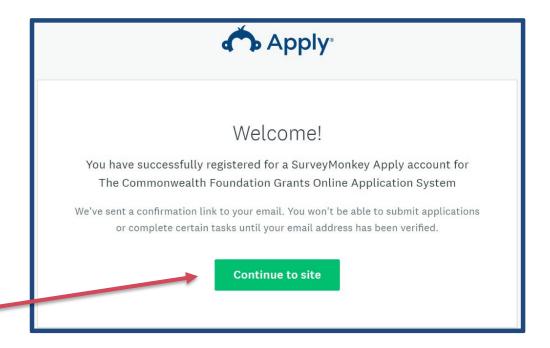
Step 2f

• Then click 'CREATE ACCOUNT' to complete your registration



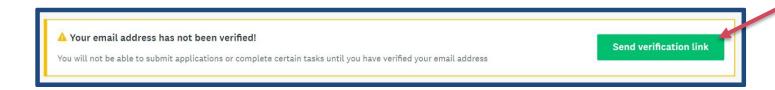


 Once your account has been successfully created, click on 'Continue to site' to visit your applicant account portal



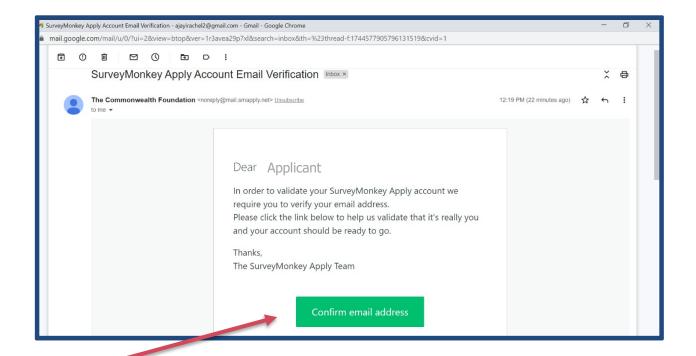


- If you have no active applications in your applicant portal, click on 'View programs'
- You will need to verify your email address. Click on 'Send verification link'
- You can access the email verification via the email you have registered with



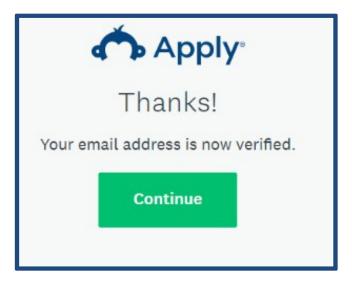


 Once you have received the email verification in your email, click on 'Confirm email address'



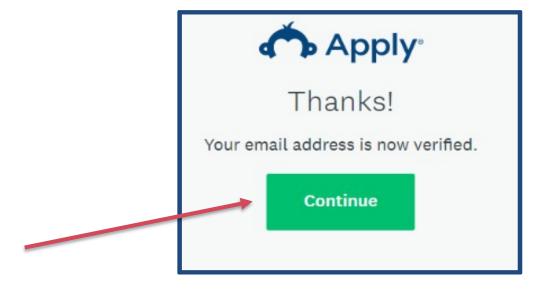


 Once you have confirmed your email address, you should see this message





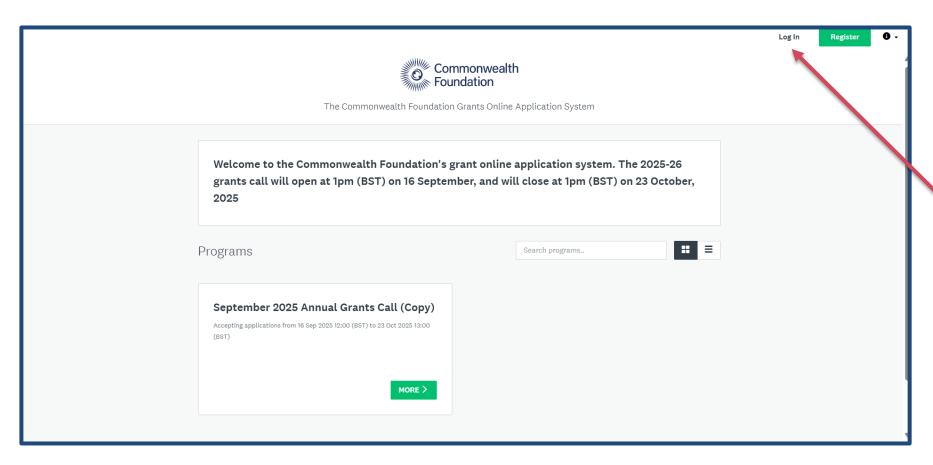
- Click on 'Continue' to be redirected back to your SurveyMonkey Apply account
- Click on 'View programs' to apply for the Open Grants Call 2025-2026





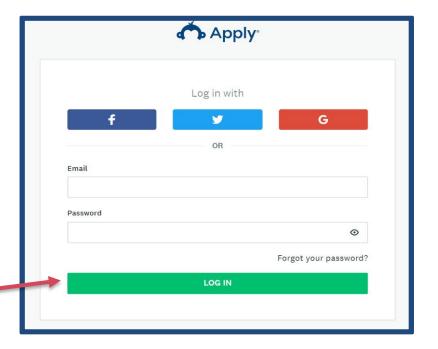
How to log in to your account

If you have an existing SurveyMonkey Apply account, click 'Log In'



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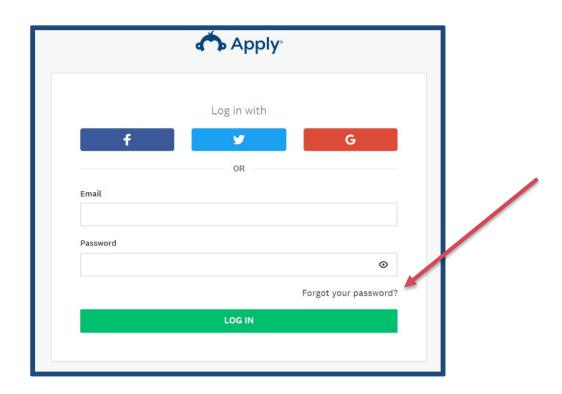
- To log in, fill in your email address and your password
- Then click on 'LOG IN'





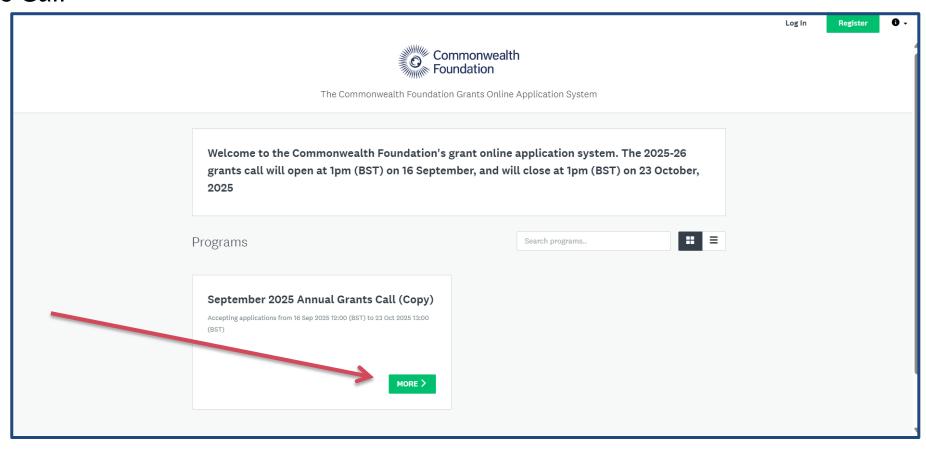
Forgot your password?

 If you have an existing account and have forgotten your password, click on 'Forgot your password?' to go through SurveyMonkey's password recovery steps

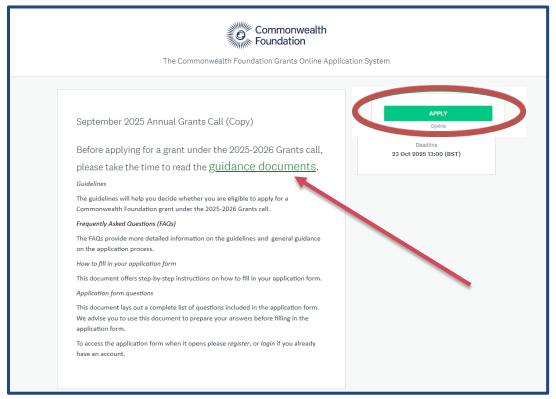




 Click on 'MORE' underneath the program section 'September 2025 Annual Grants Call'

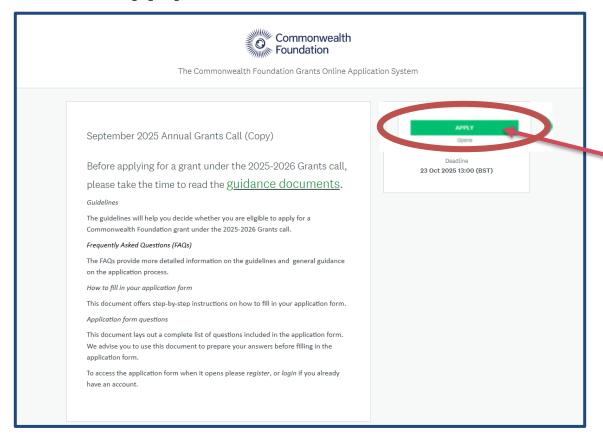


- Clicking on 'MORE' will bring you this page
- Click on the link for supporting documentation. Please take the time to read this before you apply





 To apply for the 2025 Grants Call and create or login to your SurveyMonkey Apply Account, click on 'Apply'





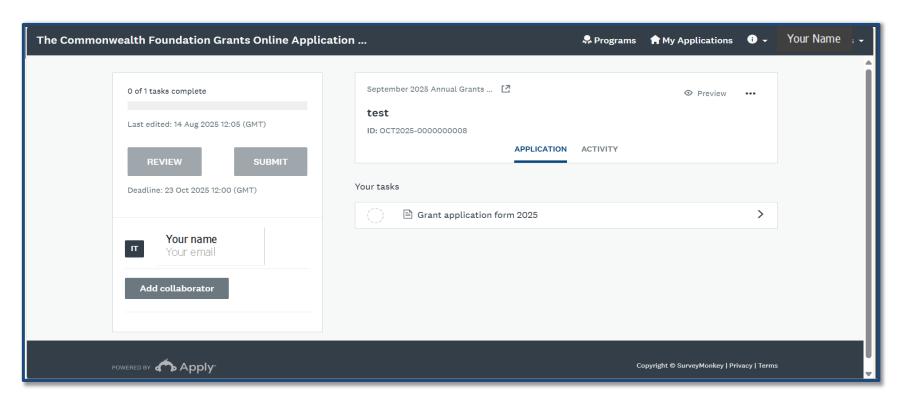
- You will be asked to name your application (you can rename it at a later stage)
- Once you have typed the application title for your project, click on 'Create Application'. You will be directed to your <u>Application</u> <u>Dashboard</u>

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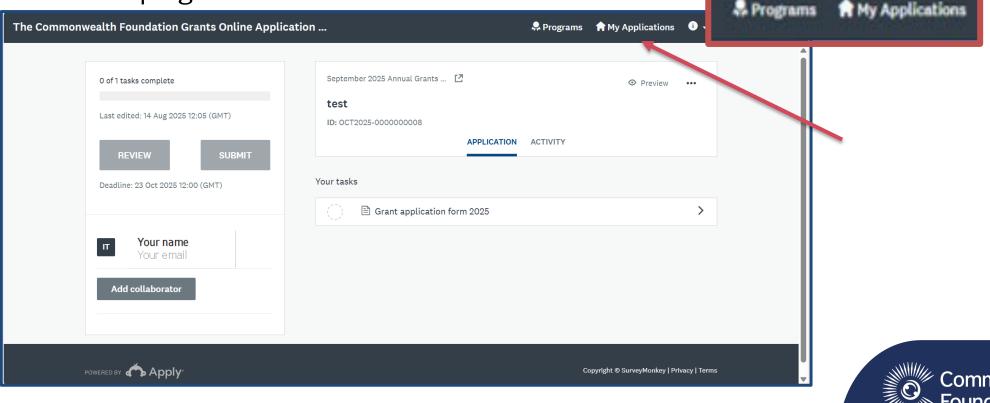
This is your SurveyMonkey Apply dashboard



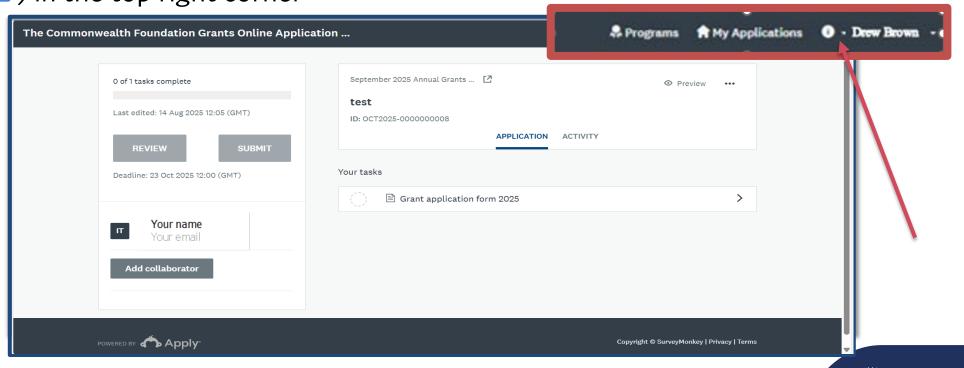


 You can see all your applications by clicking on the 'My Applications' button in the top right corner

 You can view the grants call by clicking on the 'Programs' button in the top right corner

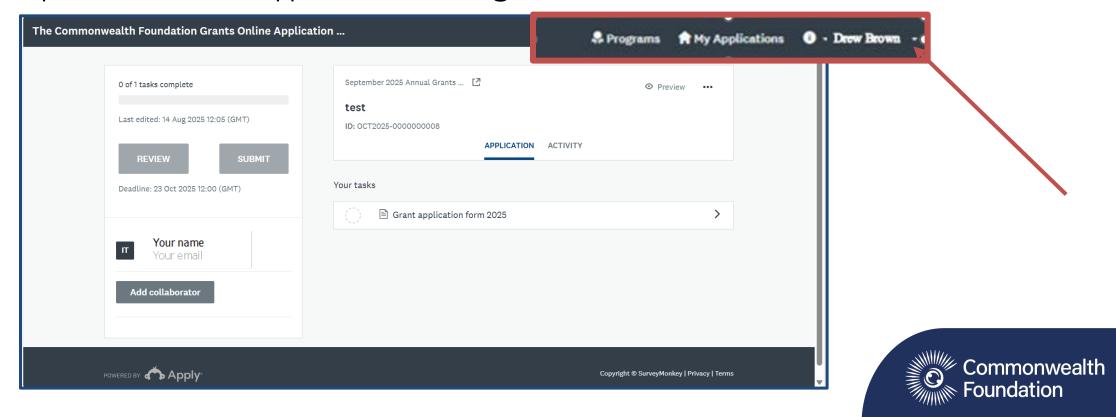


For further assistance or questions about a program,
 SurveyMonkey Apply, or technical issues click on the Information Icon (i) in the top right corner

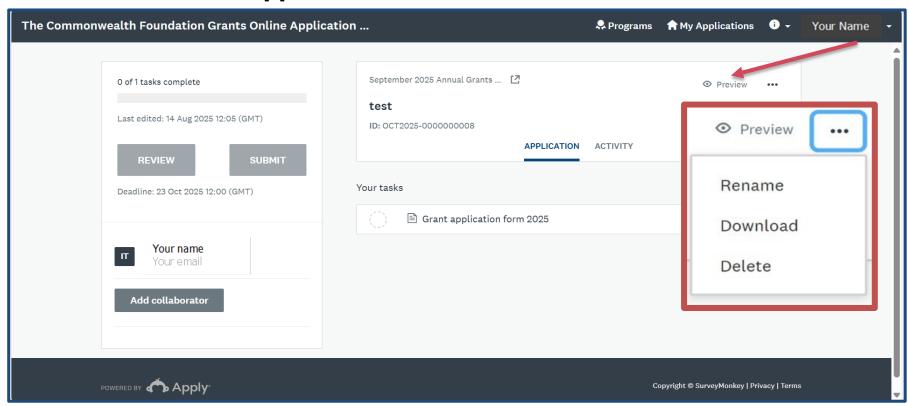




- To exit your dashboard, click on the **ARROW** next to your name in the top right corner
- A drop-down menu will appear. Click on 'Log Out'

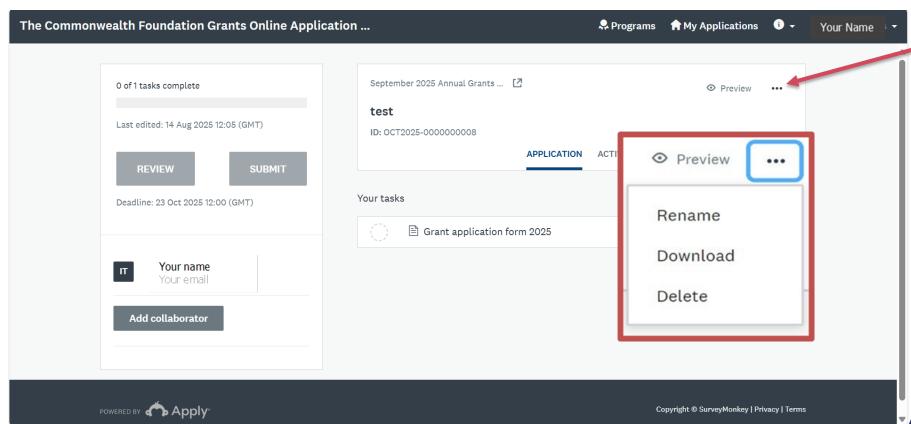


- Click on **Preview** to view your application form and view the progress
- Click on Back to Application to return to the dashboard





Clicking on the three dots (...) next to Preview, you can Rename,
 Download or Delete your application in your dashboard





 To start filling in the application form, click on the ARROW next to 'Grant Application form 2025'

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0 of 1 tasks complete Last edited: 14 Aug 2025 12:05 (GMT)	September 2025 Annual Grants test ID: OCT2025-000000008 APPLICATION ACTIVITY	◆ Preview •••	
REVIEW SUBMIT Deadline: 23 Oct 2025 12:00 (GMT)	Your tasks Grant application form 2025		>
Your name Your email Add collaborator			
POWERED BY Apply		Copyright © SurveyMonkey Privacy Terms	





Make an application

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The Grant Application form contains eight sections:

A. Eligibility confirmation

E. Applicant organisation details

B. Applicant Information

F. Contact person details

C. Summary project description

G. Referees

D. Project implementation

H. Supporting documents



• Each section must be filled with the required information before you can proceed to the next section by clicking '**NEXT**'

◄ Back to application	☐ Grant application form 2025 ···
September 2025 Annual Grants Call (test	Grant Application Form 2025 (copy)
ID: OCT2024-0000000002	Information on the person completing this form
Grant application form >	First Name
0 of 1 tasks complete	Last Name
Last edited: 1 Jul 2025 13:04 (GMT)	Organisation Name
REVIEW SUBMIT	Your position in the Organisation
Deadline: 23 Oct 2025 12:00 (GMT)	Organisation focus / key areas of work
	PREVIOUS SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING NEXT

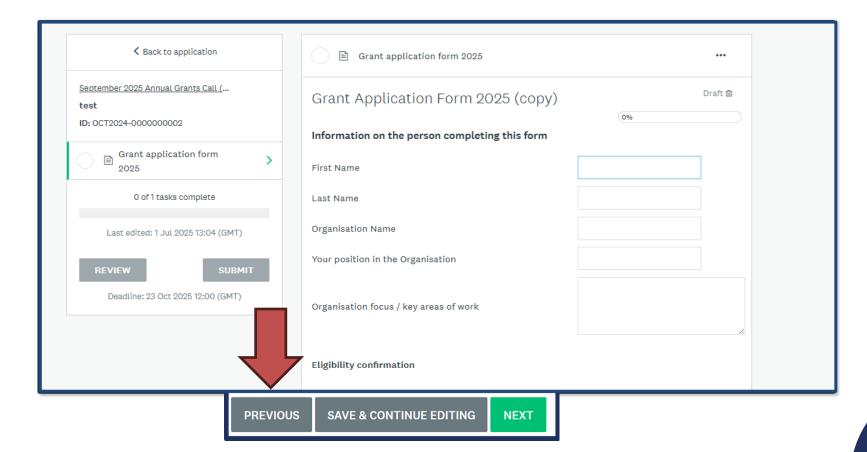


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Last edited: 1 Jul 2025 13:04 (GMT)	Organisation Name	
REVIEW SUBMIT	Your position in the Organisation	
Deadline: 23 Oct 2025 12:00 (GMT)	Organisation focus / key areas of work	
	Eligibility confirmation	

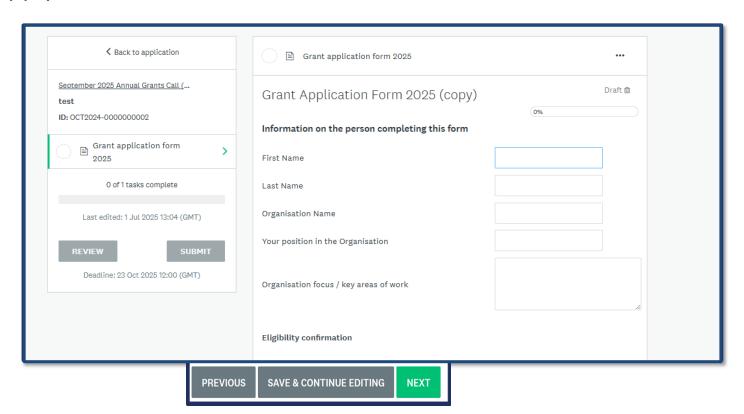


 You can navigate between the previous sections of the form by using the 'PREVIOUS' button at the bottom of this page



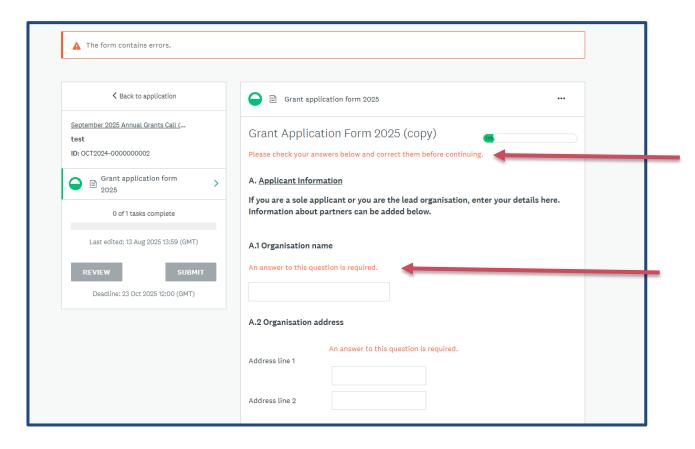


- Please make sure you read the eligibility section of the form carefully
- Only applicants who meet <u>all</u> of the eligibility criteria are eligible to apply





• If you forget to answer a mandatory question or provide an answer inconsistent with a specific question (e.g. if you write your name instead of your email address in the email address field) you will see an error highlighted in **orange**





 You must answer all mandatory questions correctly to be able to save your application and continue to the next stage

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September 2025 Annual Grants Call (test	Grant Application Form 2025 (copy)
ID: OCT2024-0000000002	Please check your answers below and correct them before continuing.
Grant application form	A. Applicant Information
O of 1 tasks complete	If you are a sole applicant or you are the lead organisation, enter your details here. Information about partners can be added below.
Last edited: 13 Aug 2025 13:59 (GMT)	A.1 Organisation name
REVIEW SUBMIT	An answer to this question is required.
Deadline: 23 Oct 2025 12:00 (GMT)	
	A.2 Organisation address
	An answer to this question is required. Address line 1

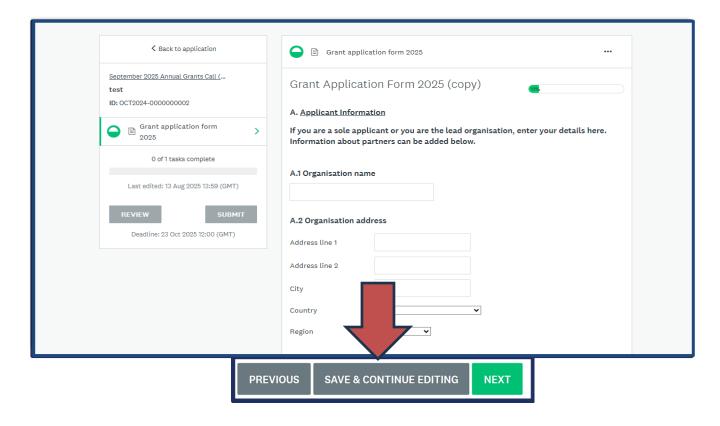


• To exit the form at any time, click on the 'Back to application'

Back to application	Grant application form 2025
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Grant application form >	If you are a sole applicant or you are the lead organisation, enter your details here. Information about partners can be added below.
0 of 1 tasks complete	A.1 Organisation name
Last edited: 13 Aug 2025 13:59 (GMT)	
REVIEW SUBMIT	A.2 Organisation address
Deadline: 23 Oct 2025 12:00 (GMT)	Address line 1
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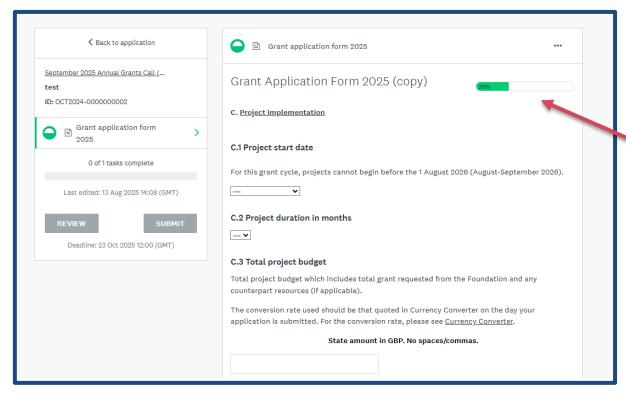


 Please make sure to first save your progress before exiting the form by clicking on the 'SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING' button at the bottom of each section



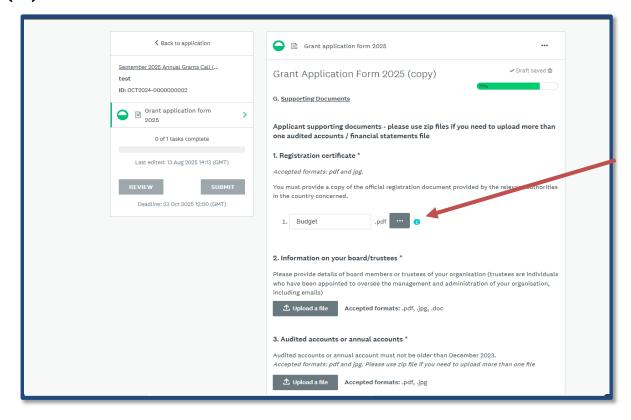


• The **PROGRESS BAR** at the top of the application form allows you to track how close your application is to completion at a glance



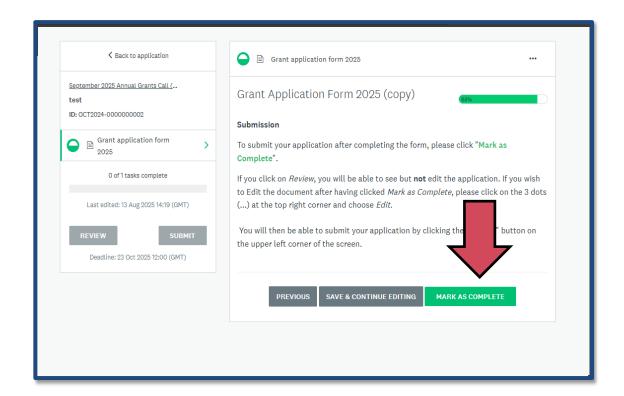


 Once you have uploaded the supporting documents in Section G, you can use the three dots (...) to delete attachments





- Once you have finished filling in your application form you can either SAVE IT (click on Back to application to make changes) or MARK IT AS COMPLETE
- Please note that marking your form as complete means you will no longer be able to make changes to your form



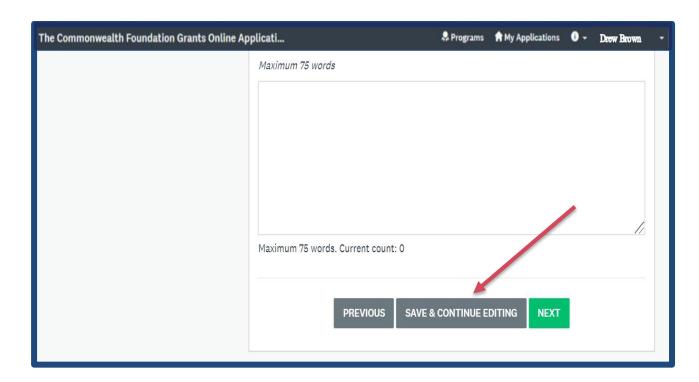




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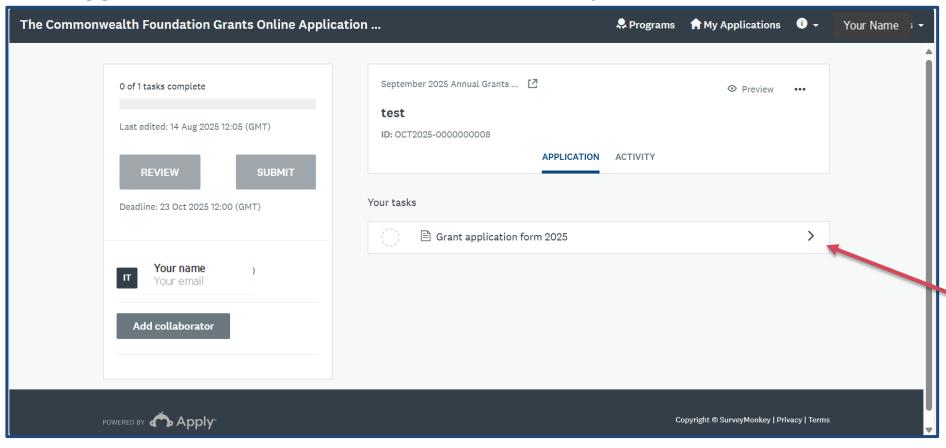
- To save your progress, click on 'SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING'
- This allows you to revisit your form at a later date to continue filling it in or make changes





Saving your progress

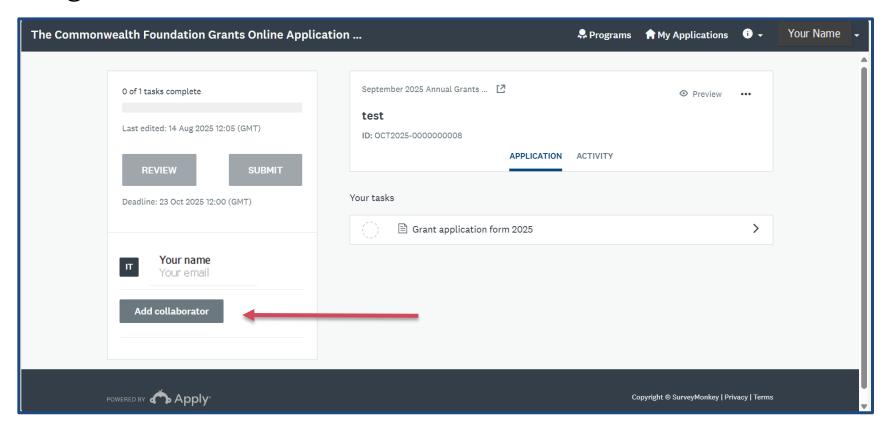
 To open your saved application form, click on the ARROW next to 'Grant Application form 2025' under Your Tasks in your dashboard





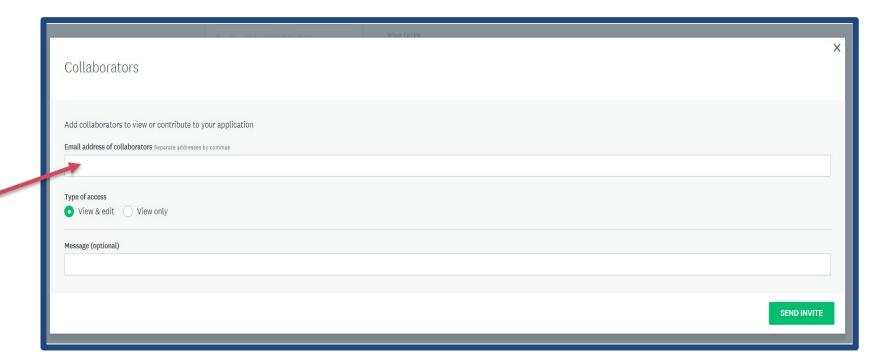
Adding other users to view or edit your application

 You can invite a user to view or edit your application by clicking on the 'Add collaborator' button





You will then be prompted to fill in your collaborator(s) email address





- You will be prompted to set the permissions of the user to 'View & Edit' or 'View Only'
- You may also provide an optional message to the collaborator



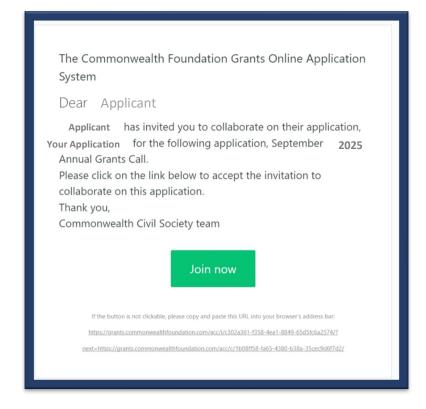


• Click on 'Send Invite' to grant them access



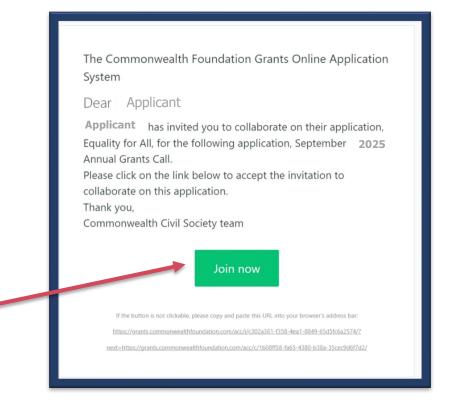


 Your collaborator will receive an email similar to below from 'noreply@mail.smapply.net'





Please ask them to check their <u>spam or junk folders for their email</u> <u>invitation</u>, and to click on '**Join now**' to accept



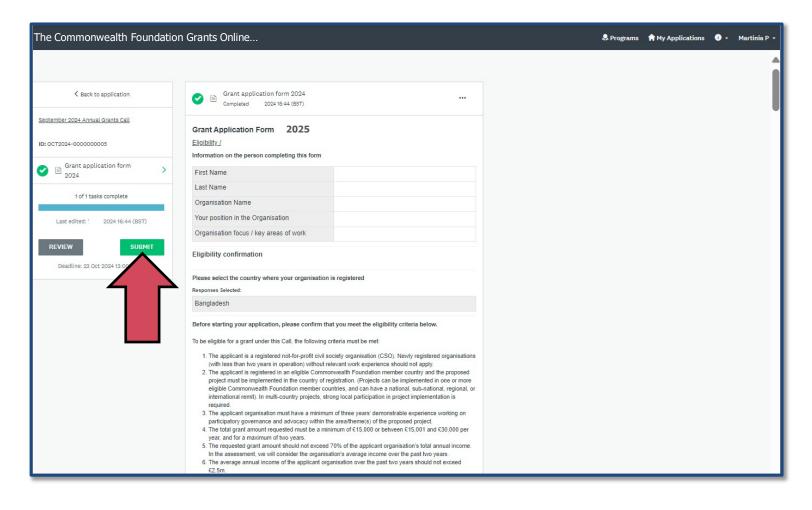




Revision and submission

Revision

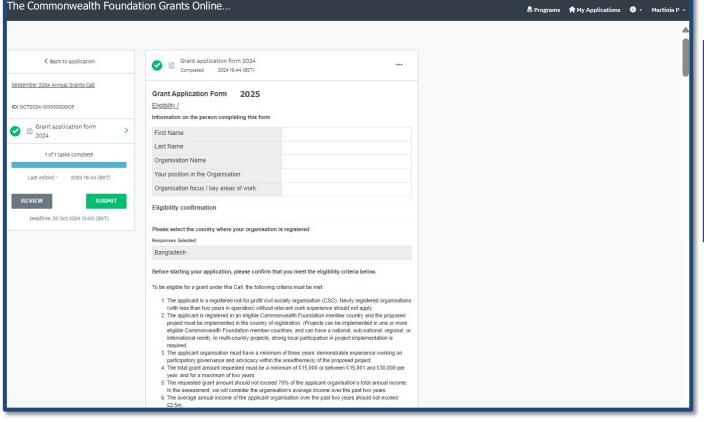
When you are ready to submit your application click on 'SUBMIT'

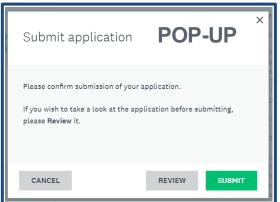




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 Please note: you will not be able to modify, withdraw or delete your application once you pass this. Once you have clicked on 'SUBMIT', a small pop-up will appear

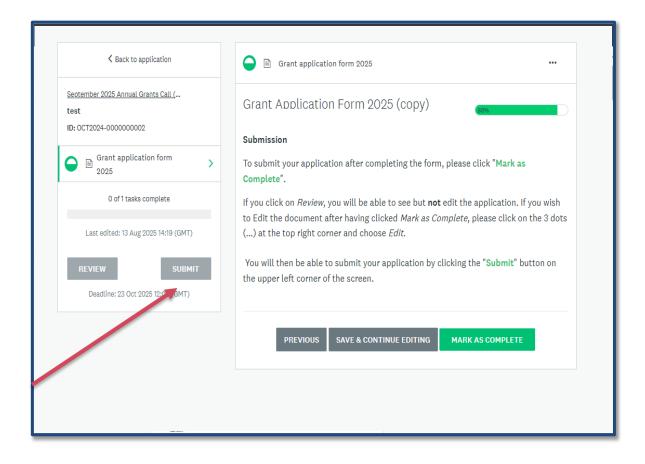


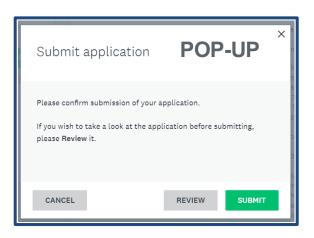




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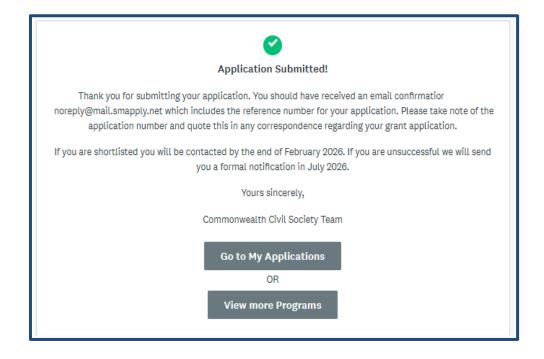
 You can review your application (you will not be able modify) and click on 'SUBMIT'





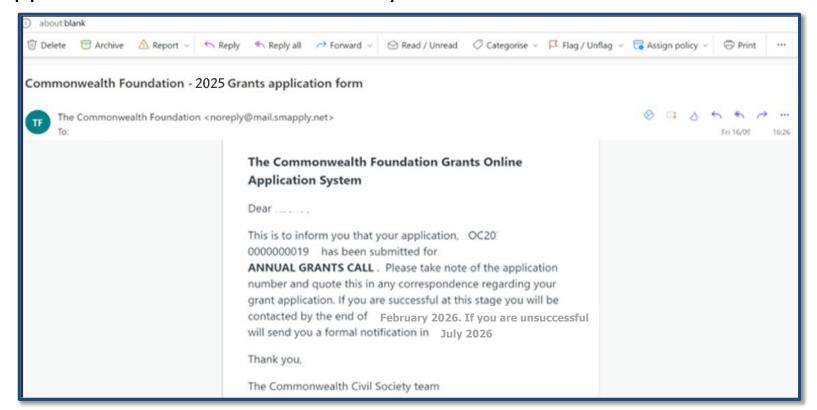


• Once submitted, you will see this confirmation screen



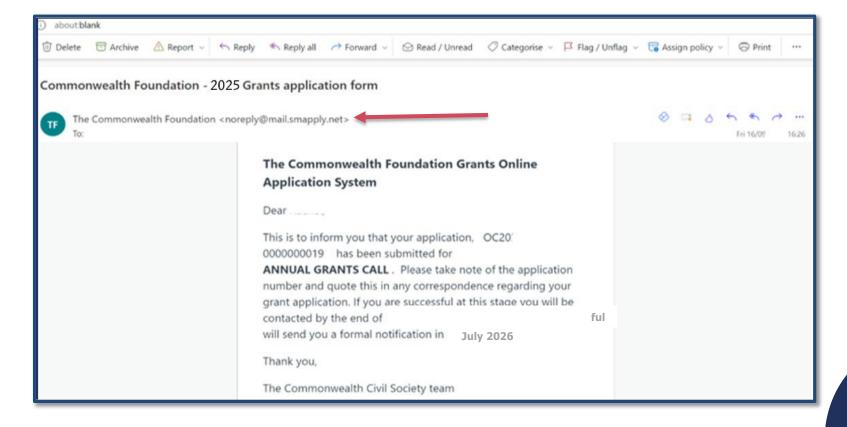


 You will also receive an email confirmation like the one below that your application has been successfully submitted



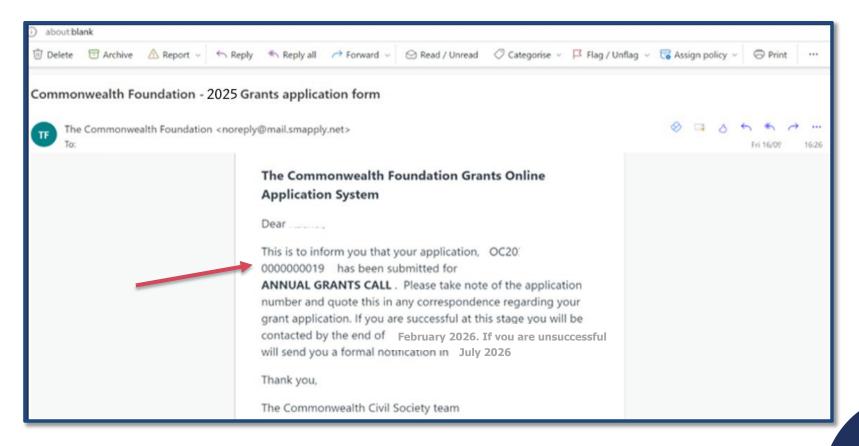


 Once you submit an application, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent from 'noreply@mail.smapply.net' the email address registered with SurveyMonkey Apply





• It will include the application reference number and confirm the submission



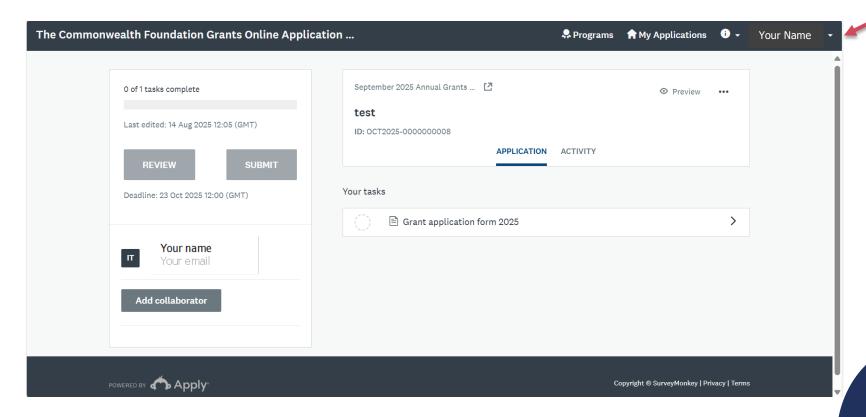




Account help

Account help: Step 1

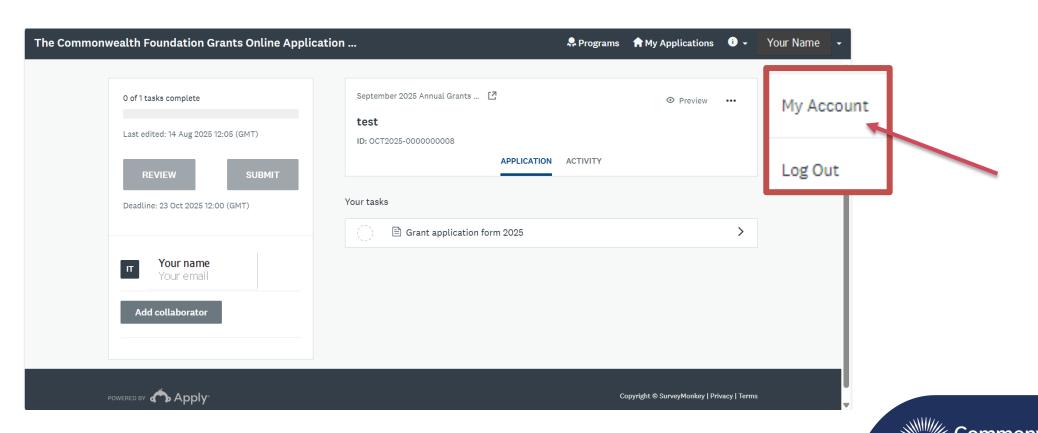
 To change your name, email address or password, click on the arrow next to your name in the top right corner of the dashboard





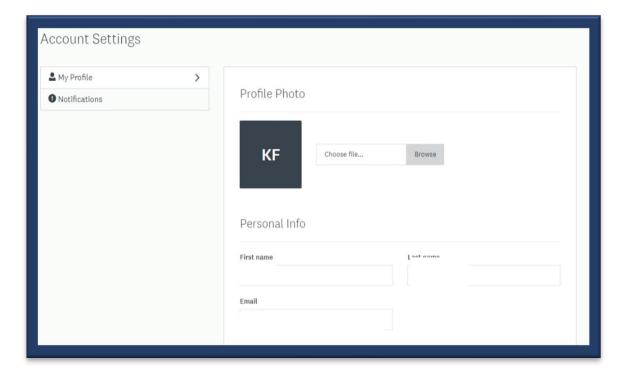
Step 2

A drop-down menu will appear. Click on 'My Account'



Step 3

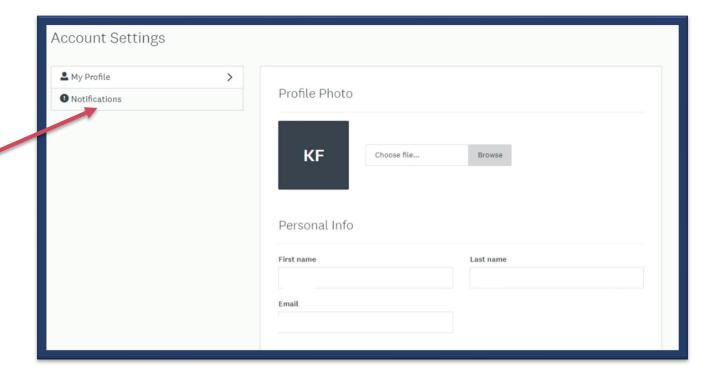
 You will be brought to 'Account Settings' where you can upload a profile picture, change your name, change your email address, set your time zone, set your preferred language, add extra information and set a new password





Step 4

• Clicking on 'Notifications' will take you to a screen to set your notification preferences







Do you have any further questions?

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- Find our Frequently Asked Questions at <u>commonwealthfoundation.com/grants/annual</u>
- If you require further assistance after reading the FAQs, please contact the Commonwealth Civil Society Team at cfgrants@commonwealth.int
- We strongly advise you not to wait until the last few hours to submit your application as we might not have enough time to help you before the deadline and we are unable to accept submissions beyond the deadline.



Thank you

For more information, visit: commonwealthfoundation.com/grants/annual



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