

External Student Funding Sources

Below are a list of possible funding sources. Some of these are not currently open for applications for 2022 but will be opening applications again later in the year. Each grant has their own eligibility criteria, and it is for students to research if they meet the criteria.

The LSO does not endorse or have any links with the grants listed below and this is simply a resource for students.

If you aren't eligible for any of the grants below but are in need we suggest researching to see if there is a resource available to you. Hopefully the information below will give you an idea of the types of organisations that do provide funding.

Suggestions to help you with your search.

Check to see if:

- Your local council offers any grants or funding
- Your community foundation offers grants or funding
- You are eligible via any professional scheme that you or a family member have a link
- You are eligible via any particular circumstance (i.e medical, family circumstances)

General Sites Providing links to funding schemes

Turn2Us

Website helping you search for grants based on your own particular criteria
<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk>

The Scholarship Hub

Help in finding suitable funding
<https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk>

Help with utility payments

Charis

Manages grants and support for individual utility companies. Possible source for obtaining support paying utility bills
<https://charisgrants.com/individuals/>

Grants based on location

Residents of Tower Hamlets

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/education_and_learning/school_finance_and_support/student_finance/tower_hamlets_and_canary_wharf_Further_Education_Trust.aspx

Eagle House Trust

Eagle House Trust offers small grants and university bursaries to young people in Somerset and historic Avon (i.e. Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire) who have been looked after in foster/residential care or have received considerable support from Children's Social Care at some point in their lives

<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/eagle-house-trust-16922>

Residents of Waltham Forest

Financial assistance to university and college students living in Waltham Forest.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/neighbourhoods/grants/education-trust-funds>

Rand's Educational Foundation

Rand's Educational Foundation is a registered charity offering financial support to young people under the age of 25 in the villages of Ickleford, Holwell, Pirton and Lower Stondon

<https://rands.org.uk/about/>

Greenwich Blue Coat

Under 25 years of age and For not less than two years previous to their application been resident or attending an educational institution in the Royal Borough of Greenwich

<http://greenwichbluecoat.org.uk/#applying>

The Philological Foundation

The Philological Foundation is a charity that has been making grants to individual students and state-funded schools in the London Borough of Camden and the City of Westminster since 1982.

<https://www.philological.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Sir William Boremans' Foundation

Support individual students with the cost of rent, food, travel to and from college, educational equipment, childcare, and for under 16s, uniform, sports kit and excursions.

Older students may apply to us directly if they:

- are a permanent resident in Greenwich or Lewisham
- are aged under 25
- are a UK national or have settled status
- have a household gross income of less than £30,000 per annum

<https://thedrapers.co.uk/sir-william-boremans-foundation/>

The Portal Trust

The Trust provides bursaries to young people below the age of 25, who come from a low income or disadvantaged background and who permanently reside in one of our named inner London boroughs. The 14 boroughs that make up inner London are: Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth, Westminster and the City of London. Typical bursaries are between £1,000 and £2,000 per year for each year of a course.

(not currently accepting applications)

<https://portaltrust.org/apply-for-funding/individuals>

Wiltshire Community Foundation

You can apply for a University Bursary if:

- you, your parents or guardians receive two means-tested benefits or two elements of Universal Credit
- you are between 17 and 24 years old
- you have lived in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least two years (If you are already at university your family home must be in Wiltshire or Swindon)
- you are eligible for funding through Student Finance England
- you are planning to study (or already studying) for your first undergraduate degree at a UK university/institution.

<https://wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/individuals/university-bursary-one-degree-more/>

Egham United Charity

The Charity's purpose is to help students, up to the age of 25, who have lived permanently in the local area for at least five years or who attend a secondary school or further education college in the local area and who are in need of financial assistance to meet the costs of their education or vocational study. The 'local area' is broadly Egham, Englefield Green, Hythe and Virginia Water.

<https://www.eghamunitedcharity.org/education-grants.php>

Billericay Educational Trust

The Foundation is an Education Charity operating in the Billericay area which aims to give financial assistance to school children and young persons under the age 25 years and residing within a six mile radius of Billericay (thereby including Stock, Ramsden Heath, Ramsden Bellhouse and Noak Bridge) to enable and encourage them to benefit from further education.

<http://billericayeducationaltrust.co.uk>

Hampton Lucy Educational Trust

The Hampton Lucy Educational Trust, (HLET) is an educational charity providing grants to young people, under 25 years of age, who live in the Parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton and Alveston.

<http://hlet.co.uk>

Chapman's Educational Foundation

Chapman's Educational Foundation is a charity which gives grants to young people (18-25 years) to support them in further education. Applicants can be following a college or university course or be on an apprenticeship or industrial training.

If you live in certain parts of central/eastern Milton Keynes, you may be eligible for a grant towards your costs from the Chapman's Educational Foundation.

<https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/education-support/chapman-trust/>

Grants based on profession

The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust

The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust offers financial support for grocers, pharmacists, commercial travellers and their families

<https://www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk>

EWS Educational Trust

People with close family member working in the rail freight industry

<https://ewseducationaltrust.co.uk>

Professionals Aid Guild

If you have a degree level qualification or the equivalent level qualification (level 6 on the education framework), you may apply for a grant to help with your further education. For us to consider your application, you must fulfil the following essential criteria:

You must already have completed at least one term on the course for which you are applying to us for financial assistance

You must already have funding in place. We will only consider helping you if your planned funding has broken down due to circumstances beyond your control after your course has started.

<http://www.pcac.org.uk/students/>

General acceptance

The Black Heart Foundation

The Foundations primary focus is educational access, learning, aspiration and achievement for under-resourced people from under-represented communities. The scholarship programme is open to all who are hardworking, under-resourced and who have ambition. All applications are reviewed holistically and are assessed on an individual basis.

<https://blackheartfoundation.org/scholarship-programme/#PROGRAMME>

The Sidney Perry Foundation

- The Foundation aims primarily at helping first-degree students
- Grants are intended to be supplementary, maximum grant being £1000
- The majority of funding required should have been obtained from other sources

<https://www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk/what-we-do/>

The Humanitarian Trust

The Humanitarian Trust awards one-off grants of a maximum of £1,000 to students each year who have a shortfall in their income needed to complete their course of study.

The following criteria must be met for the Trust to consider a grant:

- Students must be studying for a higher degree in an academic subject (Masters, PhD, Medicine, Dentistry or similar) or a graduate degree in the UK
- Students must not be over 30 years of age when they complete their course
- Students must have secured the majority of their required income needed for the year
- Grants must be used for tuition fees or living expenses only

<http://www.humanitariantrust.co.uk>

Grants for women

The Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education (YLCE) Educational Awards Fund

Provides small awards (between £100 and £500) to help British women (aged 21 years or older) who have been offered a place at a British educational institution and who cannot finance their chosen educational course from their own resources and who do not qualify for Student Loan Company support. Grants support FEES ONLY and are paid direct to institutions on behalf of applicants. Applications are assessed in September, January, March and June and completed forms must be received by the first day of the relevant month.

<https://ylce.org/awards>

Diamond Education Grant

This grant awarding body was set up by our Federation (SIGBI) in 1972. Its purpose is to provide grants to assist women to update their skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve their opportunities for employment and promotion. Awards are made to help towards the cost of course fees or books/equipment, not for living expenses.

<https://sigbi.org/what-we-do/our-charities/deg/>

Futures for Women

Interest-free loans of up to £1000 are available to women studying a post-graduate degree or a professional training course which will lead to their desired career.

<https://futuresforwomen.org.uk>

Other

The Vegetarian Charity

The Vegetarian Charity is a registered charity that exists to help vegetarians and vegans up to, and including, 25 years of age. Grants are usually given for educational courses and for the relief of poverty. We help many people who are students, or who need help to become students. We also give grants to help with the purchase of items such as equipment for courses, equipment for applicants with special needs, computers, sewing machines, art materials, bedding, furniture, carpets, fridges etc.

<https://www.vegetariancharity.org.uk/faqs.html>