

# Possible Sources of Financial Help for Students with Disabilities

## British Association of Health Services in Higher Education Student Disability Assistance Fund (SDAF)

BAHSHE Office, 35 Hazelwood Rd, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, EN1 1JG

Grants of up to £500 to students with needs related to illness or disability. Applicants are expected to apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) before applying to the SDAF. Students who are disabled but not entitled to DSA are more likely to be awarded a grant. Applicants should be doing a degree level or postgraduate course. The fund is primarily for full time students. Those whose disability makes full time study impossible will also be considered. Awards are typically made for items of equipment to aid study, extra travel costs, helper/ note taker, extra books etc. Awards are not given for expenses incurred by all students, cost of medical treatment or medical equipment unless specific to study problems. Further information and application forms are available via the website, and they are unable to accept telephone enquiries. Applications should be completed together with a letter of support from a tutor or member of the academic staff or a disability adviser, and a doctor's letter confirming illness or disability. (Dyslexia reports are acceptable when appropriate). Ineligible applicants will only receive a reply if a SAE is enclosed. Applications are considered 3 times a year, with closing dates on the first day of November, March and June. Applications which arrive late for the deadline are unlikely to be considered until the next deadline. Applicants are usually informed about a month after the closing date.

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## The Snowdon Award Scheme

Unit 18, Oakhurst Business Park, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9RT

One or two year bursaries, which do not usually exceed £2000 per year, are awarded to students who have a physical or sensory disability who are in or about to enter further or higher education. Applicants are expected to apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance if eligible. Students of all nationalities may apply but must be studying at a college or university in the UK. Awards are given to help cover the **additional** costs of being disabled and a student. The scheme will assist with tuition fees only where applicants are not eligible for statutory funding, and they provide justification that the need for assistance with tuition fees is related to their disability. The awarding panel usually meets in July and October, with applicants receiving results soon after each meeting. Acceptance of an award must normally be made within 2 weeks of a funding offer. Further information and application form available from the website: [www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk](http://www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk)

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## The Matthew Trust

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Awards small grants for a specific purpose or costed need to people who have a mental health problem of any kind. Grants are only awarded when other avenues of funding have been exhausted, and are rarely made directly to the applicant, but through their representative, e.g. Social Worker or Doctor. The Trust does not provide application forms, so all individuals and organisations applying to the Trust for support on behalf of the individual are asked to write a letter. Please visit the website for more information on what needs to be included in this letter.

Website: [www.matthewtrust.org](http://www.matthewtrust.org)

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**The Peter Greenwood Memorial Trust for Deaf People**

**Nicola Storey, Bursary Secretary, Westbrook Building, Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1AY**

Awards small cash grants to enable individuals to buy books and equipment to support them in their studies. Applications from people who are in higher or further education and training, who are deaf or whose hearing is impaired, and who live in England and Wales. Application forms are available from their website. Applicants will need a sponsor to complete part of the application form. This must be someone who knows the applicant well, and who works with them professionally like a Lecturer, Social Worker or Doctor. They should not be a member of family or a friend. The deadline date for applications varies, but is usually the end of September, beginning of October. Please visit the website for more information.

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