

# POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

## THE HOCKERILL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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WEBSITE: [www.hockerillfoundation.org.uk](http://www.hockerillfoundation.org.uk)

The Foundation makes individual grants mainly to those training in the UK to be teachers, with a priority to teaching Religious Education. If funds are available they also make grants to students on other first degree courses and some further education courses who have particular financial difficulties. Applications are accepted from December for the following year. Applications received by the first deadline of 31st March will be considered in May and may stand a better chance of success. Applications can be downloaded from their website. Some exclusions apply – please contact for more information.

## THE VARDY FOUNDATION

VENTURE HOUSE  
AYKLEY HEADS  
DURHAM  
DH1 5TS  
TEL: 0191 3744727

WEBSITE: [www.vardyfoundation.com](http://www.vardyfoundation.com)

One-off and recurrent grants to people in need who live in the UK. Applications forms available on their website

## SEVERN TRENT TRUST FUND FREEPOST RLZE – EABT - SHSA

SUTTON COLDFIELD  
B72 1TJ  
TEL: 0121 355 7766

EMAIL: [office@sttf.org.uk](mailto:office@sttf.org.uk)

WEBSITE: [www.sttf.org.uk](http://www.sttf.org.uk)

Grants are given to write off people's bills to the company. Further assistance can also be given towards essential household items or other priority bills (i.e. utility bills). Further assistance grants are limited and will normally only be given if an application shows either that it will help the individual make a future sustainable weekly budget, or it will make an important and significant difference to the individual's quality of life.

## UTILITY TRUSTS

(ALL ADMINISTERED BY CHARIS)

PO BOX 42  
PETERBOROUGH  
PE3 8XH

EMAIL: [admin@charisgrants.com](mailto:admin@charisgrants.com)

WEBSITE: [www.charisonline.co.uk](http://www.charisonline.co.uk)

Help with utility bill debts and other household debts.

Completion of one application form potentially allows assessment for grants from four different Trusts.

**For application details:**

The quickest and easiest way is via the trusts' online application forms available on the trusts' websites:

- [www.edfenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.edfenergytrust.org.uk)
- [www.veoliawatertrust.org.uk](http://www.veoliawatertrust.org.uk)
- [www.anglianwater.co.uk/awaf](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/awaf)
- [www.southeastwater/helpinghand](http://www.southeastwater/helpinghand)
- [www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk)

Application form request line: 01733 421060

Fax: 01733 421020

## P AND M LOVELL CHARITABLE TRUST

KPMG  
100 TEMPLE STREET  
BRISTOL  
BS1 6AG  
TEL: 0117 905 4000  
FAX: 0117 905 4065

One-off grants of £50 to £500 to people in need.

SC WITTING TRUST  
THE ADMINISTRATOR  
FRIENDS HOUSE  
173 EUSTON ROAD  
LONDON  
NW1 2BJ

One-off grants to students who live in England, Poland, or Germany, and who are at university or preparing to go to university. Grants are small – average £110 for books, equipment or instruments. No grants for the payment of debts. Applications must be made in writing by the person in need, and should include a letter of support from someone like a tutor indicating financial need. Applicants must give a short case history, reasons for need, and the amount needed. Applications are considered monthly, and unsuccessful applications will not be acknowledged unless a SAE is provided.

**THE HUMANITARIAN TRUST**

**27 ST. JAMES'S PLACE**

**LONDON**

**SW1A 1NR**

**TEL: 0207 409 1376**

Grants to British citizens and overseas students under 30 years old who are on a recognised course of academic study at graduate or post graduate level and hold a basic grant for the course. Grants of £200 are awarded for academic subjects only, and top up fees. Some exclusions apply, please contact for more information. Applications in writing including a CV, income and expenses and total shortfall, plus two referees (course tutor and head of department).

**SCARR-HALL MEMORIAL TRUST**

**MRS D THORLEY**

**BAKER TILLEY**

**FESTIVAL WAY**

**STOKE-ON-TRENT**

**STAFFORDSHIRE**

**ST1 5BB**

One-off grants to people in education in the UK. Usually in the range of £100 and £500. Applications in writing.

**THE TIM RICE CHARITABLE TRUST**

**MRS E HEININK**

**TRUSTEE**

**IVY HOUSE**

**31 THE TERRACE**

**BARNES**

**LONDON**

**SW13 0NR**

Makes educational grants of up to £1000 for both cultural and educational courses. Prefers to assist those who are starting their further education careers, and does not fund second degree, postgraduate or PhD students. Applications in writing.

**THE NOON FOUNDATION**

**THE TRUSTEES**

**25 QUEEN ANNE'S GATE**

**ST JAMES' PARK**

**LONDON**

**SW1H 9BU**

**TEL: 0207 654 1600**

**EMAIL: [grants@noongroup.co.uk](mailto:grants@noongroup.co.uk)**

One-off and recurrent grants according to need. Applications in writing by email or post.

**THE GRANTHAM YORKE TRUST**

**CHRISTINE NORGROVE**

**MARTINEAU**

**1 COLMORE SQUARE**

**BIRMINGHAM**

**B4 6AA**

**TEL: 0870 763 2000**

One-off grants for relief in need and education, to people under 25 who were born in what was the old West Midlands metropolitan county area. Applications considered quarterly from March.

**THOMAS WALL TRUST**

**SKINNERS HALL**

**8 DOWGATE HILL**

**LONDON**

**EC4R 2SP**

**EMAIL: [information@thomaswalltrust.org.uk](mailto:information@thomaswalltrust.org.uk)**

**WEBSITE: [www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk](http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk)**

One-off grants to UK nationals in financial need who wish to undertake studies that are vocational, short courses of professional training or are concerned with social service & lead to employment. Other exclusions apply – please visit their website for more information, and for an application form.

**GEORGE HEIM MEMORIAL TRUST**

**PAUL HEIM**

**WEARNE WYCHE**

**PICT'S HILL**

**LANGPORT**

**SOMERSET**

**TA10 9AA**

**TEL: 01458 252097**

Grants to people aged under 30 who are in further or higher education. Applications in writing. No more grants available until 2011/2012.

**THE SIDNEY PERRY FOUNDATION**

**MRS. L A OWENS**

**PO BOX 2924**

**FARINGDON**

**SN7 7YJ**

Students under the age of 35 studying for a first degree. Post Graduates may also receive support. Some exclusions apply; please contact the Foundation directly or your student financial adviser for more information.

**MOODY CHARITABLE TRUST**

**T J MINES**

**THOMAS DAVID**

**ORCHARD HOUSE**

**5 THE ORCHARD,**

**HERTFORD**

**SG14 3HQ**

**TEL: 01992 536483**

One-off and recurrent grants to students in need in the UK. Applications in writing.

**PROFESSIONAL CLASSES AID COUNCIL**

**THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

**PROFESSIONAL CLASSES AID COUNCIL**

**10 ST CHRISTOPHER'S PLACE**

**LONDON, W1U 1HZ**

**TEL: 020 7935 0641**

**EMAIL: [admin@pcac.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcac.org.uk)**

**WEBSITE: [www.pcac.org.uk/](http://www.pcac.org.uk/)**

Grants are given to home students, overseas students, and refugees. Some exclusions apply - please visit their website for more information. Preference is given to students who are in their first or last year of study, who started their course with the expectation of full funding, and have exploited all other financial options open to them.

**THE VEGETARIAN CHARITY**  
**THE GRANTS SECRETARY**  
**PO BOX 473**  
**CREWE CW3 0WU**

**EMAIL:** [grantssecretary@vegetariancharity.org.uk](mailto:grantssecretary@vegetariancharity.org.uk)  
**WEBSITE:** [www.vegetariancharity.org.uk](http://www.vegetariancharity.org.uk)

Grants to people who are vegetarian or vegan under the age of 26 years for the relief of poverty and support with educational courses. Individual grants are usually in the region of £500 with a maximum of £1000. Grants are available without consideration of ethnic origin, race or religion. The Charity is UK based but considers applications from most countries. Assistance to students studying courses of higher education is generally only given for first degrees and not for postgraduate study. However, all applications are considered on their individual merits. The deadline date for applications is March. Applicants will be informed of the Trustees' decision by the end of May at the latest. Forms can be downloaded from their website.

**THE LEVERHULME TRADE CHARITIES TRUST**  
**REENA MISTRY**  
**1 PEMBERTON ROW**  
**LONDON**  
**EC4A 3BG**  
**TEL: 020 7042 9883**  
**FAX: 020 7042 9889**

**EMAIL:** [rmistry@leverhulme.ac.uk](mailto:rmistry@leverhulme.ac.uk)

Grants to undergraduate and postgraduate students who are the child, spouse, widow or widower of a commercial traveller, chemists, or grocers, and who are resident in the UK. Undergraduate Bursaries up to £3000 pa may be paid for any full-time first degree in the UK. Postgraduate Bursaries up to a maximum of £5000 may be paid for any full time postgraduate degree course leading to recognised qualifications. Grants can be towards living expenses, study materials, travel or childcare. Please visit their website for more information, and for an application form. Undergraduate applications must be submitted through the student's university rather than directly by the individual, with the grants paid to institutions to pass through to the successful applicants. Applications must reach the Trust by the closing dates of 1st November or 1st March.

**THE ALFRED BOURNE TRUST**  
**THE BRITISH & FOREIGN SCHOOL SOCIETY**  
**MAYBROOK HOUSE**  
**GODSTONE ROAD**  
**CATERHAM**  
**SURREY, CR3 6RE.**  
**TEL: 01883 331177**

**EMAIL:** [director@bfss.org.uk](mailto:director@bfss.org.uk)  
**WEBSITE:** [www.bfss.org.uk](http://www.bfss.org.uk)

The Society now makes very few grants for individuals. Applications will be considered only if the individual meets all of the following criteria; a) the applicant is under 30, b) is attending an institution in the UK, c) is in the final stages of an initial teacher training course, and is intending to pursue a career in teaching. In the case of a student from a developing country, additional criteria apply. These are; a) the applicant is intending to return to their home country to teach after completing their course or gaining Qualified Teacher Status, b) has embarked on the course with appropriate financial support arrangements in place, c) has run into financial difficulties for reasons outside their control. The Trust has an income of about £1000 per year and grants are unlikely to exceed £350. Forms can be downloaded from their website, and applications should be submitted through the student's university. Any grant that may be agreed by the Society will be paid to the student's university/college.

**THE FRANK BUTTLE TRUST**  
**THE CASEWORK MANAGER**  
**GRANT SCHEME FOR STUDENTS AND TRAINEES**  
**AUDLEY HOUSE**  
**13 PALACE STREET**  
**LONDON SW1E 5HX**  
**TEL: 020 7828 7311**  
**EMAIL:** [info@buddletrust.org](mailto:info@buddletrust.org)  
**WEBSITE:** [www.buddletrust.org](http://www.buddletrust.org)

The Trust's Grant scheme helps home and refugee students facing severe financial and personal difficulties acquire academic, trade, or professional qualifications. Applications are considered for people who are estranged from their family, orphaned, adopted, cared for by relatives or friends, caring for a severely sick or disabled single parent. Refugees must have full refugee status or Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK. Assistance is normally given only to students over 16 and under 21. However, help will be given to those over the age of 21 when both the course being followed and the financial support of the Trust began before the applicant was 21. No assistance is available under any circumstances to those who have reached the age of 25. They do not normally help those studying second degrees, postgraduate courses. Visit website for more information. Initial enquiries should be made by telephone or email.

**THE GILCHRIST EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**THE GRANTS OFFICER  
13 BROOKFIELD AVENUE  
LARKFIELD  
AYLESFORD  
ME20 6RU  
TEL: 01903 746723**

**EMAIL: [gilchrist.et@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gilchrist.et@blueyonder.co.uk)**

**WEBSITE: [www.gilchristgrants.org.uk](http://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk)**

Two categories of students are eligible for consideration:

1) Those who have made proper provision to fund a degree or higher education course but find themselves facing unexpected financial difficulties which may prevent the completion of it. Applicants will normally be in the last year of their course. 2) Those who as part of their degree, are required to spend a short period studying in another country. Exclusions apply – please visit their website for more details. Adult study grants are up to £1000 and Travel study grants are up to £500. In response to an initial enquiry, the trust sends a sheet listing the information required before an application can be considered. Applications can be submitted at any time of the year.

**ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY**

**GRANTS OFFICER  
ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (WITH IBG)  
1 KENSINGTON GORE  
LONDON  
SW7 2AR  
TEL: (0) 20 7591 3073**

**EMAIL: [grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org)**

**WEBSITE: [www.rgs.org/grant](http://www.rgs.org/grant)**

The society provides several grants with different eligibility criteria to postgraduates and undergraduates from the UK, and/or EU, and/or other countries, to support university students with research and field trip costs (not living costs or tuition fees) in areas such as geography, environmental science, conservation, society, economy, and natural history. Some grants are also specifically for female students. Please visit their website for details.

**FAMILY ACTION**

**GRANTS SERVICE  
501-505 KINGSLAND ROAD  
LONDON  
E8 4AU  
TEL: 020 7241 7459**

**WEBSITE: [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)**

Offers a variety of grants including the Barclaycard Horizons Education fund. Support for lone parents with the cost of their education, such as books, equipment, travel, childcare and fees (please note that the maximum grant is £200 per family). You can download a Horizons application form online. To find out whether you are eligible to apply for a Family Action Educational Grant or another grant making trust you need to complete an online Educational Grant Search.

**MRS WINGFIELD'S CHARITABLE TRUST**

**JOHN DODDS  
DYKE YAXLEY  
1 BRASSEY ROAD  
OLD POTTS WAY  
SHREWSBURY  
SY3 7FA**

**TEL: 01743 241281**

**FAX: 01743 235795**

One-off £100 to £2500 grants to people in need. Individuals in Shropshire have priority over the rest of the country. Grants are given to school children, higher and further education students, mature students, vocational students, and people with special educational needs, including those towards the cost of uniforms/clothing, equipment/instruments, fees, and books. Applications in writing, and if a response is required please enclose a SAE.

**SOUTHDOWN TRUST**

**J G WYATT  
'HOLMBUSH'  
64 HIGH STREET  
FINDON  
WEST SUSSEX  
BN14 0SY**

One-off recurrent grants and loans ranging from £20 to £1000. Grants are to support individual ventures of general educational benefit. Previously grants have been made to fund a teaching assistant at a primary school, and to provide a scholarship to a university student. No grants are made for art, dance, sociology, theatre, law, journalism, counselling, media studies, PhDs or materials. Applicants should include full details and a SAE.

**DONALD CHESWORTH EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**THE ADMINISTRATOR  
SMALL GRANTS FUND  
223 SHAKESPEARE TOWER  
BARBICAN  
LONDON  
EC2Y 8DR**

Offers a limited number of small financial grants (max £250) and personal help to assist genuinely vulnerable disadvantaged home and overseas students to complete their studies.

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