


POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



BIRKDALE TRUST FOR HEARING IMPAIRED LTD

www.grantsforthe deaf.co.uk

The Administrator, BTHI Ltd, 21 Gleneagles Drive,
Southport, PR8 3PP

This charity exists to provide financial support to children and young people who have a hearing impairment and to organisations who provide help to them. The Charity makes grants to young people up to an age in their mid-twenties resident in the UK.

The main objectives of this charity are:

- To advance the education of children and young people with particular reference to those with a hearing impairment.
- To support any other Charitable Object, which promotes the welfare of hearing impaired children and young people.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

GARDNER'S TRUST FOR THE BLIND

Suite 1, The Old Farmhouse, Stansted Court Yard, Parsonage Road,
Takeley, Essex CM22 6PU

Tel: **020 7253 3757** Email: lucy@smithfield-accountants.co.uk

The trust gives one-off grants to people who are registered blind or partially sighted and live in the UK. The maximum amount of grant that can be awarded is £600. These grants can be used for assistive technology, course fees and household equipment.

Applications must be supported and submitted by a professional person on your behalf who must confirm the visual impairment and that the grant is needed. You must contact the Trust to request an application form.

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JOSEPH LEVY FOUNDATION

www.jlef.org.uk

1 Bell Street, London NW1 5BY

Tel: **020 7616 1207** Email: **education@jlef.org.uk**

The Joseph Levy Education Fund exists to help with some of the additional financial costs associated with studying while living with Cystic Fibrosis. You can apply for a grant if you are attending a university course or vocational training. Grants up to a maximum of £600, however this amount is not guaranteed.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

KIDNEY CARE UK

www.kidneycareuk.org

3 The Windmills, St Mary's Close, Turk Street, Alton GU34 1EF

Tel: **01420 541 424** Email: **info@kidneycareuk.org**

One-off grants to help people with kidney disease of UK nationality, with the cost of University or College fees where appropriate, or the cost of books, equipment, lodgings or other expenses involved with educational and job opportunities.

Applications should be submitted by a kidney unit social worker or a member of the kidney care team and are considered daily.

MATTHEW TRUST

www.matthewtrust.org

PO Box 604, London, SW6 3AG

Tel: **020 7736 5976** Email: **amt@matthewtrust.org**

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, Community Care Worker, GP or Agency Worker.

PETER GREENWOOD MEMORIAL TRUST FOR DEAF PEOPLE

www.pgmtrust.org.uk

Mr Dave Marshall (PGMT trustee), 2 Thornfield Terrace, Wilsden, Bradford, BD15 0NB

Email: **info@pgmt.org.uk**

Small cash grants to deaf and hearing impaired students who have an offer of a place or have secured a place on a course or activity in Secondary, Higher or Further Education (or training) in the United Kingdom. Normally, a grant would be used to buy books and equipment needed for a person's studies or training. Sometimes a grant may be offered to help with travel or accommodation expenses related to a person's studies or training.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

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SNOWDON TRUST

www.snowdontrust.org

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

Tel: **01403 732899** Email: info@snowdontrust.org

Grants of up to £5,000 are awarded for additional disability-related costs that are not fully provided for you from available statutory funding. To apply, you must have a physical or sensory disability and be attending a course of further or higher education in the UK.

The Grant can help with things like sign language interpreters and other vital human support, computer equipment with adaptive software, mobility equipment, adapted accommodation or additional accommodation for a 24-hour carer.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

STUDENT ENABLEMENT FUND

www.studenthealthassociation.co.uk

Student Health Association Office, 35 Hazelwood Rd, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, EN1 1JG

Email: shaaf@studenthealthassociation.co.uk

The Student Health Association runs the Student Enablement Fund (est.1967). The fund helps students with disabilities to keep up with their studies. The maximum amount of each award is £500 and students must be involved in higher education on a full-time or nearly full-time basis. They expect students to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) before applying to the Fund. Students who are disabled but not entitled to receive DSAs are more likely to be awarded a grant.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

VICTA

www.victa.org.uk

Victa, 5 Douglas House, 32-34 Simpson Road, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes MK1 1BA

Tel: **01908 240 831** Email: grants@victa.org.uk

VICTA support children and young people who are blind or partially sighted by providing equipment to aid their visual impairment. Applications will be considered for children and young people who are registered or are register-able blind or partially sighted up to and including the age of 29 years and who are permanent residents in the UK. All items supplied through the grant scheme are for home use only.

All applications are independently reviewed by the trustees and outcomes will be notified in writing. Successful applicants will be asked for a contribution towards the grant.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

- www.turn2us.org.uk - a charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, educational grants and other help. Individuals can search their database to find funding.
- www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk - provides a searchable database for scholarships and other funding.

When applying to charities you are advised to consider the criteria carefully as organisations often have very limited funding and will not consider applications unless they meet their specific criteria.

The Directory of Social Change publishes “The Educational Grants Directory” which is usually available as a reference book in public libraries. A copy of this directory can also be accessed via the University Money Advisers.

