

# POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS IN GENERAL



## 1st FORMATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

[www.1stformations.co.uk/business-scholarship](http://www.1stformations.co.uk/business-scholarship)

71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2H 9JQ

Tel: **020 3897 2233** Email: **info@1stformations.co.uk**

This Scholarship awards up to 10 successful applicants with a bursary of £600 each. The bursary is designed to help students with some of the additional costs involved in studying, such as the cost of course materials, textbooks and other living expenses.

To be eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A current student (undergraduate or postgraduate) in a recognised UK academic institution.
- Display a desire to run your own business.
- Demonstrate academic excellence by providing a letter of recommendation from a tutor or course co-ordinator.
- You must not be a previous recipient of the 1st Formations Business Scholarship.
- Demonstrate personal circumstances which make you a suitable candidate for additional financial support.

See website for details on how to apply and what evidence to provide.

## ALFRED FOSTER CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT

Alfred Foster Settlement, C/o Zedra Trust UK Limited, Booths Hall, Booths Park 3, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 8GS

Tel: **01565 748822** Email: **charities@zedra.com**

For the relief of poverty among employees (including ex-employees) of banks and their dependants. Also offers assistance in the education of children of persons who are, or have been, employees of banks. Please note that employees of building societies or investment banks are NOT eligible for this fund.

Contact the charity for an application form.

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### ALL SAINTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

[www.aset.org.uk](http://www.aset.org.uk)

Knightrider House, 2 Knightrider Court, LONDON EC4V 5AR

Tel: **(0) 20 7248 8380** Email: **aset@aset.org.uk**

The All Saints Educational Trust makes personal grant awards to teachers, intending teachers and students in Religious Studies, Home Economics and related areas. Awards to students over the age of 18 years from the UK/EU 'home' students, and to students who are citizens of other countries, studying at a university within the UK.

Several exclusions apply – please visit their website for more information. Enquiries on a form available from the website. Once it has been verified that the candidate is eligible, a full application form will be sent. Applications will be considered in April.

### CHARIS GRANTS

[www.charisgrants.com](http://www.charisgrants.com)

Charis Grants Ltd, Trinity Court, Trinity Street, Peterborough PE1 1DA

Tel: **01733 421 021** Email: **info@charisgrants.com**

Help with utility bill debts and other household debts. Charis manage schemes on behalf of companies, authorities and charities. They currently manage schemes for the following companies:

British Gas - EDF Energy - EON Next - EON - Let's Talk -  
Scottish Power - Utility Warehouse - Park Homes

Please refer to the individual websites of each of the Schemes to see if you are eligible to apply and the help available – links available on the Charis website.

### EATON FUND

[www.eaton-fund.co.uk](http://www.eaton-fund.co.uk)

PO Box 528, Fleet GU51 9HH

Tel: **020 3289 3209** Email: **admin@eatonfund.org.uk**

Applications for grants are considered from either:

- Artists (Grants are restricted to artists and students working in the visual arts fields, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, print-making, photography, and video installations. They do not give grants for the performing arts)
- Nurses (Male or female, e.g. SRN, SEN, health care assistants (with relevant qualifications) or dental nurses in employment or retired, in hardship or with long-term sickness/disability)
- Women over 18 years, living in the UK and experiencing hardship

Applicants must be resident in the UK. Grants are made, once only to each individual, for a specific item or purpose. A supporting letter from a third party, such as a social worker or tutor, is also required. Trustees make decisions on grants at meetings held every two months.

Further information and application form available on the website.

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### EWS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

<https://ewseducationaltrust.co.uk/>

c/o UNW LLP, Citygate, St. James' Boulevard,  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JE

Applicants must have a close family member who works or who previously worked within the UK rail freight industry. Close family members are defined as being a parent, step-parent, grandparent, spouse, partner or civil partner. Applications are also considered from individuals who are or were employed directly in the UK rail freight industry.

The Trust makes several types of awards to eligible candidates. These awards usually take the form of:

- Educational if you are undertaking any type of higher education, academic or vocational
- Sporting and Artistic if you excel in these fields and the assistance you seek is not linked to an educational course
- Special Access if you have a requirement for support relating to a disability, special educational need or other special circumstances. If you have special access needs and are undertaking higher education you should use the Educational application.

Application form (separate form for each fund) and full eligibility details available on their website.

### FINNART SCHOLARSHIP

[www.finnart.org](http://www.finnart.org)

Tel: **020 7794 9835**

Email: [info@finnart.org](mailto:info@finnart.org)

The majority of the Trust's income is used to award scholarships for tertiary education to needy Jewish students, who might otherwise be denied the opportunity of further education.

Eligible Applicants will normally be those going directly from 6th Form to University, who are under 21 at the start of the course. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the course, so mostly for 3 or 4 years and occasionally longer, e.g. for medical students.

See their website for full guidance notes and downloadable Application Pack.

### GILCHRIST EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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

Grants Officer, 4 St Michaels Gate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 2HL

Tel: **01743 383047** Email: [gilchrist.et@gmail.com](mailto:gilchrist.et@gmail.com)

Two categories of students are eligible for consideration for a grant:

- 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.
- Those who as part of their degree, are required to spend a short period studying in another country.

Applicants in either category must be full-time students at a British University.

Exclusions apply – please visit their website for more details. In response to an initial enquiry, the trust sends a list of the information required before an application can be considered.

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### GRANTHAM YORKE TRUST

The Estate Office, Wharf Cottage, Broombank, Newnham Bridge,  
Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire WR15 8NY  
Email: [chrissy@granthamyorketrust.org.uk](mailto:chrissy@granthamyorketrust.org.uk)

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 (basically: Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Redditch, Sandwell, Solihull, Tamworth, Walsall or Wolverhampton).

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Trustees meet quarterly to discuss applications.

### HELENA KENNEDY FOUNDATION

[www.hkf.org.uk](http://www.hkf.org.uk)

South and City College Birmingham (SCCB), Handsworth Campus, Council House,  
Soho Road, Birmingham, B21 9DP  
Tel: **0121 644 2406** Email: [enquiries@hkf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hkf.org.uk)

The Foundation supports students who are in financial need and are studying for their first degree. The bursaries are available to students currently studying at a FE college or sixth form college and applying to enter university. If you are already on or have undertaken a higher education course you are not eligible to apply. If you are not at a FE college or sixth form college you will not be eligible to apply.

You should only apply for an award if you are facing financial difficulties which will make progression to higher education difficult. HKF awards are designed to support students who have overcome significant barriers to complete their further education.

See website for full guidance notes and application form.

### HOCKERILL FOUNDATION

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

3 The Swallows, Harlow, Essex CM17 0AR  
Email: [info@hockerillfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@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.

Grants are not usually awarded for the first year of a three or four year course, but exceptions may be made for mature students.

Applications on a form available from the foundation's website. Applications are accepted from December for the following year.

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### HUMANITARIAN TRUST

[www.humanitariantrust.co.uk](http://www.humanitariantrust.co.uk)

20 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8HA

Tel: **020 7486 7760** Email: [humanitariantrust@prismthegiftfund.co.uk](mailto:humanitariantrust@prismthegiftfund.co.uk)

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

Further eligibility criteria and application form available on their website.

### LEATHERSELLERS' STUDENT GRANT

[www.leathersellers.co.uk](http://www.leathersellers.co.uk)

7 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6AB

Tel: **020 7330 1444** Email: [enquiries@leathersellers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@leathersellers.co.uk)

The Leathersellers' Student Grants programme aims to support disadvantaged undergraduate students whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them achieving their goals. To be eligible to apply, you must be a student already enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree (or foundation) course at a UK University, or with an offer to do so for that academic year. You must be in financial need of support to study the course (and have exhausted other options for funding including loans or family support) and hold the ambition to have a positive impact on society in the future.

The maximum grant that may be awarded is £5,000 per year, with the average annual amount being £3,000. No student will be continuously supported for more than 4 years. Grants awarded for more than one year are reassessed annually.

See website for further eligibility criteria, plus application form.

### LEVERHULME TRADE CHARITIES TRUST

[www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk](http://www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk)

1 Pemberton Row, London EC4A 3BG

Tel: **020 7042 9885** Email: [grants@leverhulme-trade.org.uk](mailto:grants@leverhulme-trade.org.uk)

Grants to UK undergraduate and postgraduate students who are in financial need and have a parent or spouse or are employed themselves, as a commercial traveller, pharmacist or grocer.

Undergraduate Bursaries up to £3000 per annum may be paid for any full-time first degree in the UK. Grants for any reasonable costs connected with going to university, including tuition fees, accommodation costs, living expenses, or equipment to help you study. Grants paid to institutions to pass through to the successful applicants.

Please visit their website for full details of eligibility, and for an on-line application form.

## POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS IN GENERAL

### LORD KITCHENER NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND

[www.lknmf.com](http://www.lknmf.com)

2 New Cottages, Old Chatham Road, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3AJ

Tel: **07498 495647** Email: **secretary@lknmf.com**

The Council of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund offers scholarships to the value of £1500 to be paid to students at the beginning of their course. To be eligible a candidate must:

- Be a British subject and have served, or be the son or daughter of a parent who has at any time served or is serving on a full time engagement in HM Armed Forces. This includes members and former members of the Territorial Army and other Reserve Forces of the Crown, and their sons and daughters, providing that the former have served an element of full time or permanent service for a minimum consecutive period of three months.
- Be admitted as an undergraduate to a university or institution of university rank in the United Kingdom to read for a first degree.
- Be over 17 and under 21 years of age. Former Service men or women may be considered up to the age of 30.

Full details and application form available on their website.

### PROFESSIONALS AID GUILD

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

10 St Christopher's Place, London, W1U 1HZ

Email: **admin@professionalsaid.org.uk**

If you have a degree level qualification or the equivalent level qualification (level 6 on the education framework), you may be eligible to apply for a grant to help with your further education. You must already have completed at least one term on the course for which you are applying for financial assistance, and have funding in place. The fund may be able to help if your planned funding has broken down due to circumstances beyond your control after your course has started.

Small grants, usually between £300 and £500 to contribute towards: Course fees, other related course expenses such as stationery, text books, production of thesis, course travel expenses in some circumstances (for example work or research placements) and general living expenses.

Full details and enquiry form available on website.

### ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

[www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/students/](http://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/students/)

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Tel: **020 7591 3000** Email: **enquiries@rgs.org**

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.

See their website for further details.

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### ROYAL PINNER EDUCATIONAL TRUST

[www.royalpinner.co.uk](http://www.royalpinner.co.uk)

PO Box 7031, Basingstoke, RG24 4NU

An Educational Trust for children where at least one parent is, or has recently been, a sales representative, selling business to business, with a significant element of travel and where the family has suffered an element of hardship eg. death and long-term illness of a parent, redundancy, drop in income, special educational needs & disabilities etc

Grants may be awarded to assist with the educational costs for children at school, college or university.

Grant enquiry form available on their website.

### S C WITTING TRUST

Witting Trust Administrator, Friends House,  
173 Euston Rd, London NW1 2BJ

One-off grants to people ordinarily resident in Britain, Poland or Germany, who are at university or preparing to go to university. Grants are small – average £100 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. Applications 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.

### SEVERN TRENT TRUST FUND

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

Freepost, RLZE – EABT – SHSA, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TJ

Tel: **0121 355 7766** Email: **contact@sttf.org.uk**

The Trust can consider making a grant to meet water and/or sewerage charges due to Severn Trent Water if you are in hardship and unable to pay. It can also help with water or sewerage charges which are collected by other companies or organisations on behalf of Severn Trent Water. In certain cases, the Trust can also consider giving some help to meet other essential bills, household needs or priority debts.

See their website for full details and application form.

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### SIDNEY PERRY FOUNDATION

[www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk](http://www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk)

The Secretary, PO Box 889, Oxford OX1 9PT

The Foundation aims primarily at helping first-degree students in hardship, maximum grant being £1000. Eligible overseas students studying in Britain can also apply. Postgraduates may also receive support.

Students are expected to have a confirmed placement at University and have the bulk of their funding. Because of limited resources, the foundation is unable to assist students in the first year of a three or four-year course, or those over the age of 35.

Full details and application form available on their website.

### VEGETARIAN CHARITY

[www.vegetariancharity.org.uk](http://www.vegetariancharity.org.uk)

The Grants Secretary, PO Box 496, Manchester M45 0FL

Email: [grantssecretary@vegetariancharity.org.uk](mailto:grantssecretary@vegetariancharity.org.uk)

Grants to people who are vegetarian or vegans up to, and including, 25 years of age, for the relief of poverty and support with educational courses. Individual grants are not usually greater than £500. 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.

Application on a form available from the website, including details of any other grants received, a CV, covering letter, bank statements and references. Applications are considered throughout the year.

## SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

- [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://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.thescholarshipub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshipub.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.

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See our Website for a Guide to applying to a Trust  
[www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trust-funds](http://www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trust-funds)

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