

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVE LOCALLY

ALFRICK EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Bewell, Alfrick, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR6 5EY

Tel: 01905 731731 Email: a.duncan@wwf.co.uk

Grants are given to further and higher education students who are under 25 and live in the parish of Alfrick, Lulsley, and Suckley. Grants are given for books, maintenance/living expenses and educational outings in the UK. Applications in writing to the correspondent. Applications can be submitted at any time.

ALVECHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

Mr Richard Keen, The Highlands, Hollow Tree Lane, Vigo, Blackwell, Birmingham B60 1PR

www.alvechurchgst.org.uk

Tel: 0121 445 3522 Email: enquiries@alvechurchgst.org.uk

Small grants awarded to children and young people under the age of 25 who/whose parents are resident in the old parish of Alvechurch (Alvechurch, Hopwood, Rowney Green, Bordesley and parts of Barnt Green) and who require financial assistance. Applications are invited from people in further/higher education and training (though schoolchildren and people starting work can also be supported). Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are in need of financial assistance.

Further details and application form can be found on the website or requested from the correspondent. Application deadlines are: 1st January, 1st May and 1st September.

ANCIENT PARISH OF RIPPLE TRUST

John Willis, 7 Court Lea, Holly Green, Upton on Severn, Worcestershire, WR8 0PE

Tel: 01684 594570 Email: willis.courtlea@btopenworld.com

Makes small cash grants to students in higher education for purchase of books required as part of their course. Students must be resident in the parishes of Ripple, Holdfast, Queenhill, and Bushley. Applications are considered twice a year. Applications in writing to the correspondent.

ANTHONY & GWENDOLINE WYLDE MEMORIAL CHARITY

Ms K M Mcewen, Higgs & Sons, Unit 3, Waterfront Business Park, Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LX

www.wyldecharity.weebly.com

Tel: 01384 327322 Email: kirsty.mcewen@higgssandsons.co.uk

The Charity will only consider applications from the DY7, DY8, and DY9 Postcode areas (Dudley and Staffordshire, with particular emphasis on Kinver and Stourbridge).

There are two grants programmes available. The first is for small grants up to the amount of £750, typically made to individuals, and for educational purposes. These type of grants can be considered as and when they are received. The second is the large grants programme, which deals with amounts above £750. These type of grants have to be considered at trustees meetings which are held twice a year, usually in May and November.

Further details and application form can be found on the website.

BALDWIN BEWDLEY TRUST

Shakespeare Martineau Llp, No.1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AA

Tel: 0121 214 0681 Email: deborah.ashbourne@shma.co.uk

Grants given to further the education of people over the age of 12 who live in Worcestershire. Either the person or the referral agency may apply.

BAYLIES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

David Hughes, Clerk to the Trustees, 53 The Broadway, Dudley DY1 4AP

www.dudleyrotary.org.uk/baylies.html

Tel: 01384 259277 Email: bayliesfoundation@hotmail.co.uk

The Baylies Educational Foundation gives educational grants to suitable applicants, under the age of 25, living in Dudley in the West Midlands. Grants range from assisting with the costs of a university or college education, travel costs, educational trips at home and abroad, school uniforms, to grants to improve a talent in music, the arts or sport. Help has also been given to unemployed people to retrain, and to others with family difficulties that affect their educational requirements. Applicants should show that they have made an effort to fund themselves before applying to the foundation.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from the address above or on the website.

BEWDLEY OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Bewdley School, Stourport Road, Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1BL

Tel: 01299 403277 Email: office@bewdley.worcs.sch.uk

Educational grants are awarded to people, under 25, living in Bewdley and the parishes of Rock and Ribbesford, Worcestershire. Grants to school children and further/higher education students to help with general educational costs including books, uniforms/clothing, necessities and maintenance. Music and arts studies are also supported.

Application should be by letter or email, either by the person in need or a referral agency.

DANIEL PARSONS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

53 The Broadway, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 4AP

www.dudleyrotary.org.uk/parsons.html

Tel: 01384 259277 Email: parsonscharity@hotmail.com

Offers grants for the promotion of education to persons under the age of twenty five, being or having been educated in Dudley and living or having parents living in Dudley.

The grants are for educational purposes and within these parameters the Trustees will consider assistance to gain or develop any type of academic, artistic or athletic skill. They cannot help anyone who could obtain the same support from the State or any other source. As a charity, originally endowed to educate poor children, they are more inclined to aid the less well off and do not usually enter into long term commitments.

Further information and application form available on their website.

EMMA RUSSELL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Cloisters, Worcester Road, Ledbury HR8 1PL

Tel: 01531632638 Email: cwm@masefield.co.uk

Grants to help people with expenses at University and those undertaking apprenticeships and training generally. Must be under 25 and live in the parishes of Ledbury Rural and Wellington Heath.

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Awards are made in October.

GRANTHAM YORKE TRUST

Shakespeare Martineau, 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AA

Tel: 0800 763 2000 Email: christine.norgrove@sghmartineau.com

One off educational grants for indirect costs for people under 25 who were born in the old West Midlands metropolitan county area (basically: Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Redditch, Sandwell, Solihull, Tamworth, Walsall or Wolverhampton).

Grants might be given for: clothing, equipment or books to help someone leaving education to prepare for a preparation or trade apprenticeships promoting or assisting the education of someone in need of physical, mental or moral care education.

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

GREAT AND LITTLE HAMPTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

The Clerk to the Trustees, Great and Little Hampton Educational Charity,
50 Sycamore Avenue, Evesham WR11 1YE

Further/Higher Education/Training Awards for students under the age of 25 (on 1st of September in the year applying) who reside in the area of the Parish of Great and Little Hampton.

Application forms available by post (a stamped addressed envelope must be provided). Closing date mid - late October.

HEREFORD MUNICIPAL CHARITIES

The Trustees, 147 St Owen Street, Hereford HR1 2JR

Telephone: 01432 354 002 Email: herefordmunicipal@btconnect.com

One-off grants to people in need who live in the city of Hereford. Grants are given to help with the cost of education and starting work. No grants towards debts or nursery fees.

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Applications are considered five times a year.

HEREFORD SOCIETY FOR AIDING THE INDUSTRIOUS

18 Venns Close, Bath Street, Hereford, HR1 2HH

Tel: 01432 274 014 Email: info@hsfai.co.uk

Grants to people living in the city of Hereford and its immediate environs. One-off grants ranging between £50 and £1,000 and occasionally interest-free loans. Grants can be made towards: schoolchildren for educational outings; people starting work towards books and equipment/instruments; students in further/higher education towards books, fees and living expenses; and mature students towards books, travel, fees and childcare.

Apply in writing to the correspondent. If eligible, an application form will be sent and the applicant will probably be asked to attend an interview. The Trust state that applications should be "precise" and "honest". Grants are rarely given directly to the applicant; instead they are given to the school, college and so on. Applications are considered every month.

JOHN MARTIN'S CHARITY

Clerk to the Trustees, 16 Queen's Road, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4JN

www.johnmartins.org.uk

Tel: 01386 765440 Email: enquiries@johnmartins.org.uk

Grants are awarded to students aged 16 and over who have been permanently resident in the town of Evesham for at least 12 months immediately prior to 1st September in the year of application. Awards are given to full or part time HND, Degree level, and Postgraduate students, and for those who are on part time vocational or educational courses. Please enquire to see if your proposed course qualifies for a grant. Students aged 25 and over at the start of their course will also be subject to a full financial assessment.

Original documentation to evidence residency in Evesham is required as part of the application. Grants will not be considered without this evidence.

More information and application form available on their website. Applications are considered from July to September for further and higher education grants. Grants for part-time vocational courses are available throughout the year.

JOSEPH SCOTT'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT

The Trustees, Joseph Scott's Trust, 35 Medcroft Avenue, Birmingham B20 1 NB

<http://josephscottseducationalfoundation.co.uk>

Email: josephscott1901@gmail.com

To be eligible for the Joseph Scott's Educational Foundation Grant you must have been educated for at least two years at a school provided by the Birmingham Education Authority or at a legally designated Academy or Free School within the boundaries of the City of Birmingham, whilst being a resident within these boundaries.

Generally the grant can be used to study for a first degree course. However if funds are needed to obtain the standards necessary to achieve admission to a degree course or to obtain a professional qualification following a degree course e.g. a PGCE or Law requirement, these are considered by the Joseph Scott's Trustees.

The funds are to be used for course requirements and essential living expenses. The amount of grant awarded is reviewed periodically and is currently set at a maximum of £500 for each year of a student's further education course.

Full eligibility criteria and application form available on the website.

MARGARET WESTWOOD MEMORIAL CHARITY

c/o Higgs & Sons, 3 Waterfront Business Park, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 1LX

Tel: 01384 327322 Email: kirsty.mcewen@higgsandsons.co.uk

Applicants have to be permanent residents in the old County of Worcestershire as it existed in 1946 (this includes parts of Dudley and Sandwell). Grants are not normally awarded to persons over the age of 25 and funding is not normally available for the normal costs of education, e.g. undergraduate or postgraduate courses. From time to time, however, one-off occasional small grants may be paid towards specific items, e.g. books, course materials and such like. Funding may be available for applicants participating in organised expeditions undertaken for sporting, educational, or charitable purposes.

Application forms can be obtained by phone or email.

MARY HILL TRUST

16 The Tything, Worcester WR1 1HD

Tel: 01905 731731 Email: a.duncan@wwf.co.uk

For people in need who live within the boundaries of the city of Worcester.

Contact the trust directly to apply.

MAYOR'S FUND

Committee Administration, The Guildhall, Worcester, WR1 2EY

Tel: 01905 722005 Email: claire.chaplin@worcester.gov.uk

Small grants for residents of Worcester City who are in dire need. Usually one-off grants of between £30 and £100 for things such as books and materials, although no assistance with student fees.

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Applications can be submitted by the individual, or through a third party such as a social worker, Citizens Advice or other welfare agency. They are considered in March, June, September and December.

PALMER AND SEABRIGHT CHARITY

c/o Wall, James & Chappell, 15-23 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1QW

Tel: 01384 371622

One-off and recurrent grants are made to college students, undergraduates and mature students for fees, books, equipment/instruments and maintenance/living expenses. Grants are also given to schoolchildren for fees. Applicants must reside in the old parish of Stourbridge.

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Applications can be submitted either directly by the individual or a family member, through a third party such as a social worker or teacher, or through an organisation such as Citizen's Advice or a school.

SCOTT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

21 Primrose Hill, Wordsley DY8 5AG

Tel: 01384 394859 Email: alan.cutler@btconnect.com

Awards educational grants to people, under 25, living in the former borough of Stourbridge (excluding Amblecote), with a preference for those who attended a school in the area for more than 2 years. Grants to students in further or higher education are given towards books, equipment/instruments, fees, living expenses and study or travel abroad. Grants are rarely made to postgraduate students.

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Applications can be submitted either directly by the individual, or through the individual's school/college/educational welfare agency. Preferably they should be received by June or November for consideration in July and January.

SEBRIGHT'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Adam House, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster DY10 2SA

www.sebrights.org.uk

Telephone: 01562 820181 Email: clerk@sebrights.org.uk

Grants to students living in most of the Wyre Forest area and parts of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough. Any applicant 25 years of age or over will be unable to register. However if you are between the ages of 24 and 30 years of age and feel that your circumstances are exceptional you should contact the Clerk with a full explanation.

Governors will consider grants for books, tools, special equipment, software, field trips, electives. The Governors have a scheme to supply a good quality general purpose laptop. Assistance may be given towards the cost of a high spec laptop if an evidence based case is provided showing it to be appropriate to the degree course. Consideration may be given towards the costs of any travel which is a necessary part of your course, however assistance will not be given towards the costs of running a car. Governors will consider making a grant towards the fees of a Master's degree course and may also offer an interest free loan.

Further information and an application form available on their website.

UNITED CHARITIES OF SAINT MARTIN

4 St Catherine's Hill, London Road, Worcester, WR5 2EA

Tel: 01905 355585

One-off grants are given to people in need who are resident in the parish of St Martin, Worcester, for general educational purposes. Either the person in need or the referral agency may apply. Apply in writing to the correspondent.

WALWYN'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Mr C D Walker, 29 Brookmill Close, Colwall, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6HY

Tel: 01684 541995 Email: cdw1810@btinternet.com

Small annual grants toward the educational expenses of students taking degree or equivalent courses in Higher Education at a recognised educational institution. To be eligible your home must be in the parishes of Colwall or Little Malvern. They normally only consider students under the age of 25. Application forms are available from the Walwyn Library in Colwall or requested by email. Completed forms must be returned to the address above.

WORCESTER MUNICIPAL CHARITIES

Kateryn Heywood House, Berkeley Court, The Foregate, Worcester WR1 3QG

www.wmcharities.org.uk

Tel: 01905 317117 Email: admin@wmcharities.org.uk

Grants to people of any age who live in Worcester City, including Parishes of Powick, Bransford and Rushwick, and Leigh.

Applications for assistance may also be considered from people of any age who live outside these areas but who have attended school in the City for at least two years. Applicants need to demonstrate financial hardship with evidence that the need cannot be met from Local Authority or other statutory authorities; excludes applicants from fee paying institutions, travel abroad, and awards beyond 1st Degree level. Grants can be made for any educational purpose e.g. for fees, books, instruments, equipment, travel to pursue education in this country or abroad, tools or uniform to enter a profession or trade.

Full details and application form can be downloaded from their website. Applications considered every month.

SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

In addition to this list, there are websites which provide information on Scholarships and Charitable Trusts, and also include a Grant search facility to help students identify appropriate funding based on individual circumstances and needs - see examples below:

- 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.thescholarshipclub.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 lists details of charities and trust funds - a copy of this directory can be accessed via the University Money Advisers.



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See our Website for a Guide to applying to a Trust
www.worcester.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trustfunds