

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERSEAS / REFUGEE STUDENTS



ALL SAINTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

www.aset.org.uk

Knightrider House, 2 Knightrider Court, London EC4V 5AR

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

The 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.

ANGLO-CZECH EDUCATIONAL FUND

<https://www.acef.university/>

Educational grants to Czech students studying in the UK. Applicants should demonstrate why the study stay will benefit them as opposed to continuing to study in the Czech Republic. Applicants should be students who wish to further their career in academia and research. A condition of the bursary is that the student will return to complete their postgraduate degree in the Czech Republic. The maximum bursary award is £12,000

Further details and an application form available on their website.

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CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

(For International Postgraduate Students)

www.chevening.org

The British Chevening Scholarship scheme aims to bring future leaders, decision-makers and opinion-formers to the UK for a period of postgraduate study. To be eligible, you should have a proven record of success and have the potential to rise to a position of power and influence in your chosen career.

Chevening awards are given annually to students from a wide variety of countries. They cover all or part of the cost of a one-year postgraduate course in the UK. Once you have completed the course, you will be expected to return to your home country.

You can find out more and apply online at the Chevening website.

CTBI HARDSHIP FUND

<https://ctbi.org.uk/hardship-fund/>

Email: hardship@ctbi.org.uk

One-off grants to full time students from developing countries attending British or Irish institutions for first degree or postgraduate studies, who are within 6 months of completing their course but face unexpected financial problems.

- Awards are made to students already in Britain or Ireland from developing countries, who intend to return home after their current course and can show that their qualification will benefit such countries.
- Awards are made to applicants undertaking full-time first degree or postgraduate studies lasting a minimum of one academic year.
- Awards are made to students who are within 6 months of finishing and who can show that their financial problems are unexpected and that a small grant will enable them to complete their course and graduate.

All grants are made at the discretion of the Hardship Fund Committee. Grants are typically up to, but not exceeding £1,000; the same person is not funded twice. Application forms are available by emailing the Applications Secretary at the above email address.

HOPE FOR THE YOUNG GRANTS

<https://hopefortheyoung.org.uk/>

Tel: 07448 155126 Email: ef@hopefortheyoung.org.uk

Grants to support refugees, asylum-seekers, and undocumented young people to complete their education by providing grants of up to £4,500 to those who have no access to government funds, or to those who are facing extreme financial hardship. Grants can be awarded towards Tuition Fees, Exam Fees, Transport Costs and Living Allowances.

Application form should be completed by an education or welfare organisation on behalf of the person seeking support (eg. a Teacher or Support Worker).

Further details about the grant and eligibility available on their website.

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HUMANITARIAN TRUST

www.humanitariantrust.co.uk/

20 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8HA

Tel: **020 7486 7760** Email: 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 exemptions detailed on their website.

Grant applications are reviewed by Trustees annually in March. Application Form available on their website.

NURSES ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA (NAJ) (UK)

www.naj.org.uk

PO Box 9084, Birmingham B32 1LR

Email: info@naj.org.uk

Grants for members of the association, primarily people from black and ethnic minority groups, especially African-Caribbean groups. Membership is diverse and is drawn from Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting, Allied Health Professionals and those who support the organisations' objectives. Grants are given to members to support their educational development or community project and are to assist with fees, books and travel.

Contact them directly for further information.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE BURSARIES FUND

www.prisonersofconscience.org

PO BOX 61044, London SE1 1UP

Tel: **(0) 20 7407 6644** Email: grantsofficer@prisonersofconscience.org

Grants from the Bursaries Fund are available to former prisoners of conscience to assist with tuition fee payments for postgraduate study or professional conversion courses in the UK. Applications are considered by trustees on an annual basis.

To be eligible for a grant from our Bursaries Fund applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Applicants must be a prisoner of conscience, the definition of which is an individual who has suffered persecution for their conscientiously-held beliefs
- Applicants must have previously completed an undergraduate degree, not necessarily in the UK.
- Evidence must be provided of acceptance onto the postgraduate or conversion course at the time of application.

If successful, funding will be provided towards tuition fees for one academic year. A commitment for funding subsequent years cannot be given but applicants can re-apply to be considered again the following year. No retrospective funding can be given. Further information on their website.

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RUTH HAYMAN TRUST FUND

www.ruthhaymantrust.org.uk

PO Box 17685, London N6 6WD

Email: info@ruthhaymantrust.org.uk

Small grants to support the education and training of adults who have come to settle in the UK, and whose first language is not English and cannot afford the full fees for their studies. They support those suffering severe financial and social hardship, in particular refugees, people seeking asylum and survivors of modern slavery, domestic violence and trafficking. Because of such high demand for grants, they are not accepting applications for any university course fees, unless the course leads directly to employment.

Grants are usually between £300-£500.

Other conditions apply – please visit their website for more information. Application forms available on the website. All applications must include an academic reference.

SCHILIZZI FOUNDATION

Chacombe Priory, Chacombe, Banbury OX17 2AW

Email: admin@schilizzifoundation.org.uk

Grants to Greek nationals pursuing undergraduate degree courses or vocational training in Great Britain where there is shown to be real need of financial assistance. Priority is given to students in their final year of study.

Contact the Foundation directly for further information.

SCHWAB AND WESTHEIMER TRUST

www.swtrust.org.uk

The Walter & Liesel Schwab Charitable Trust, PO Box 12327, Colchester CO4 4XE

Email: info@swtrust.org.uk

The Schwab Educational Grants helps students who are asylum seekers or refugees with small educational grants. Grants of up to £2,000 for help with resources in their courses.

Awards will only be considered if the following criteria are met:

- The young person must have claimed asylum in the UK (asylum seeker) or have been recognised as a refugee by the Home Office
- The applicant should not normally be over 28 years of age
- The applicant should either be in education or applying for educational support

Applicants can apply in person or any professional may apply on their behalf.

Full eligibility criteria and application form available on their website.

SIDNEY PERRY FOUNDATION

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 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.thescholarshipshub.org.uk - provides a searchable database for scholarships and other funding.
- <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/> - This website includes information on scholarships & financial support for International Students
- www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk – information on postgraduate scholarships for UK, EU and International Students

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.

