

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN STUDENTS



DIAMOND EDUCATION GRANT

<https://sigbi.org/what-we-do/our-charities/deg/>

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Grant from Soroptimist International to assist women to update their skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve their opportunities for employment and promotion. Awards are made to help towards the cost of course fees or books/equipment, not for living expenses.

To be eligible for a grant you do not have to be a Soroptimist (most applicants are not) but you must be female and permanently resident within one of the countries of their Federation – see list of eligible countries on their website.

See their website for further details of eligibility and application form.

EATON FUND

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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EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – PRESIDENT’S FUND

Eileen Brownlie, Honourable Secretary, 12 Dean Park Mews, Edinburgh EH4 1ED

Email: eileencbrownlie2706@gmail.com

Funding is available to assist women in their final year of study for a degree (postgraduate or undergraduate) in a university in the United Kingdom. Awards are not given for courses of one year’s duration (undergraduate or postgraduate), or for access courses, diploma courses nor for certificate courses.

- Awards are for those who face unexpected financial hardship.
- Awards are given for the current study year – the applicant’s final year of study.
- Successful applicants to the Fund will receive one award only.

Application forms are available by request from the Honourable Secretary, which must be returned completed with two signed academic references. Applications are considered three times a year by the Trustees of the Fund - usually in October, January and April.

FUNDS FOR WOMEN GRADUATES (FFWG)

www.ffwg.org.uk

Grants Administrator, Jean Collett-Flatt, 4 St Michaels Gate, Shrewsbury SY1 2HL

Tel: **01743 383047** Email: grants@ffwg.org.uk

FFWG awards grants specifically for living expenses to Women, during their postgraduate studies, with the aim of positively impacting their future career and our society as a whole.

FOUNDATION GRANTS are designed to help women graduates in the final year of a PhD or DPhil with their living expenses (not fees). To be eligible you must be registered for study or research at an approved institution of higher education in Great Britain and doing the bulk of your study in Great Britain. Foundation Grants can be up to £6,000 and are awarded in July for the following academic year.

EMERGENCY GRANTS provide support for graduate women who face an unforeseen financial crisis whilst engaged in study or research at an approved institution of higher education in Great Britain. They can be up to £2,500 and are awarded in May and November.

Additional information and application forms available on their website.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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.

Please visit their website for details.

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WOMEN'S CAREERS FOUNDATION (GIRLS OF THE REALM GUILD)

Janine Harris, Secretary, 34 Kellaway Road, Walderslade, Chatham ME5 8BX

Tel: 01634 683880

Email: janwcfsecretary@outlook.com

Small educational grants or low interest loans to UK women. Applicants should be seeking assistance to begin or continue studies for a career and should be 21 or over, except for music or dancing when the minimum age is 16. Grants are not given for PhD study or postgraduate studies if the subject indicates a complete change of direction.

Write to the Foundation enclosing a SAE for further details and an application form. Applications to be submitted between 1st September and 31st January for help in the following academic year.

YORKSHIRE LADIES COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

www.ylce.org

YLCE, Ground Floor Offices, Forest Hill, 11 Park Crescent, LEEDS LS8 1DH

Tel: 0113 269 1471 Email: info@ylce.org

Provides small awards to help British women who cannot finance their chosen educational course from their own resources and do not qualify for support from Student Finance. However, **women who are eligible for a Postgraduate Loan may apply**. The grant awarded is normally between £200 and £400, and support course fees only. Grants are paid direct to institutions on behalf of applicants. No payments are made to individuals.

Applications are accepted from Women who:

- Are British citizens.
- Are aged 21 and over.
- Have a confirmed offer of a place at a British educational institution.
- Are not eligible for Student Finance support and require help with course fees.
- Are not related to a member of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education.
- Women who are eligible for a Postgraduate Loan are also eligible for support.

Applications are made online on their website and are assessed in September, March and June.

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.thescholarship.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

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