

Guide to Funding for Individuals





Department
for Education



West Somerset Opportunity Area

The West Somerset Essential Life Skills programme aims to improve young people's access to extra-curricular positive activities which develop confidence, knowledge and personal skills.

The Individual Grant scheme provides up to £350 to help children and young people in identified groups **living in West Somerset** to participate in extra-curricular positive activities.

For more information:

visit the 'Youth Funding' section of
www.somersetyouth.co.uk

Tel: 01823 357552

Email: youthservice@somerset.gov.uk



Youth Funding Sources



If you are seeking funding to support an educational course, it is always best to contact the school, college or university you would like to attend as they are most likely to know about appropriate funding sources.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure this information is correct and up to date this is not always possible. If you are aware of other appropriate funding which is not featured in this booklet or if you discover details which have changed, please let us know.

16-19 Bursary Fund



If you're aged between 16 and 19 years and think you might struggle with the costs for education or training you may be eligible for a bursary.

Students in the following groups may receive a bursary of £1,200 a year:

- looked after young people and care leavers
- young people claiming income support or universal credit in their own name
- disabled young people who receive both Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Other students facing genuine financial difficulties may be awarded a bursary at the discretion of their school, college or training provider.

Schools, colleges and training providers are responsible for awarding bursaries to students. With the exception of the £1,200 bursaries for students most in need, they decide on the amount. They will also decide when bursaries are paid, and will set conditions that students should meet to receive a bursary, for example, linked to behaviour or attendance.

Contact: Speak to your school, college, academy or training provider about how to apply for a bursary. They each have their own applications process.

Email: 1619bursaryfund.EFA@education.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.direct.gov.uk

Adams Youth Trust

The trust provides opportunities for education, advancement of personal skills and training for young people from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire.

Contact: Mrs Margaret Pyle, Greendate Court, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, Devon, EX5 1AW

Tel: 01395 233433

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust



The Trust offers one-off grants for activities/items/trips that children's families are unable to afford. The child must be aged under 18 and disadvantaged due to financial circumstances, disability/ill-health, or other category of disadvantage. Poverty alone will usually be insufficient for a grant.

Funding will not be awarded for furniture or carpets, white goods, building works, daily living costs, debts or school/university fees.

Email: brightsidecharity@hotmail.com

Website: www.thebrightsideoflife.org.uk

Awards for Young Musicians



Awards for Young Musicians (AYM) supports the UK's most talented young instrumentalists aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available, based on evidence of musical talent and financial need.

Awards can help with costs including:

- Buying or hiring a musical instrument
- Music lessons.
- Weekend music schools
- Music courses
- Orchestra fees
- Travel

Contact: Awards for Young Musicians, PO Box 2754, Bristol, BS4 9DA

Tel: 0117 904 9906

Email: enquiries@a-y-m.org.uk

Website: www.a-y-m.org.uk

The Burns Price Foundation



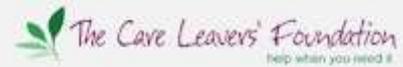
The Foundation seeks to promote good citizenship in the UK by making grants To young people aged 11-18 in schools, colleges and youth organisations in the UK. Grants of £100 to £5,000 are awarded to fund adult supervised projects that are for public benefit and have a community enhancing purpose. Such projects are likely to focus on reparation, reconciliation, peace building, restorative justice or care for the local environment and can take place anywhere in the world. Applications will be considered from young people with clear altruistic motives, as well as young people perhaps seeking to make some recompense for historic misbehavior.

Address: Forge House, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4AX

Email: burnspricefoundation@gmail.com

Website: www.burnspricefoundation.org.uk

Care Leavers Foundation Trust Fund



The Care Leavers' Foundation provides much needed help to care leavers. They make modest but vital grants to care leavers aged 18-29 who are in crisis, or who want to take control of their lives and develop new skills.

Contact: PO Box 202, Bala, LL23 7ZB
Tel: 01678 540598
Email: janet.rich@thecareleaversfoundation.org
Website: www.thecareleaversfoundation.org

The Dickie Bird Foundation



The Dickie Bird Foundation offers grants to support disadvantaged young people under the age of 16 to participate in the sport of their choice, to the best of their ability, irrespective of their background, social circumstances, culture or ethnicity and to ensure that they can improve their chances both inside and outside of sport.

Grants can be used to help with the cost of clothing and equipment, and may also make a small contribution towards travel expenses within the UK.

Contact: WE Cowley, 3 The Tower, Tower Drive, Arthington Lane, Pool-in-Wharfedale Otley, LS21 1NQ
Tel: 07503 641457
Website: www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk

Discretionary Learner Support



Discretionary Learner Support is available in colleges and sixth form colleges to help with learning costs if you are aged 19 or over. Colleges will take into account whether there are alternative sources of help available.

The funds are prioritised for those who face financial hardship. They can be used to help with:

- childcare costs
- accommodation and travel
- course materials and equipment

Money awarded could be a direct payment to you; paid to someone else (e.g. a landlord) or a loan which you will need to pay back.

Contact: You have to apply directly to your college or learning provider. Each college or learning provider has its own application process. You should speak to your tutor, student support or welfare officer.

Website: www.direct.gov.uk

Dyke Exhibition Foundation

The Foundation makes awards to students age 16–25 who are undertaking courses in Further Education. The awards are normally for a maximum period of three years to assist with fees, accommodation, purchase of books and equipment, travelling or any other expense incurred by the student.

Applicants must have been born in Somerset, Devon or Cornwall and have lived in the area for the past three years or who have been educated in the area for the past two years. There is a preference for students who are studying at undergraduate or postgraduate level at UK university. The trust does not give grants for private school fees, correspondence courses or fees for studying abroad.

Contact: Clerk to the Trustees, 1 Combe Lane, Exford, Somerset, TA24 7PS

Email: clarkdef@gmail.com

Tel: 0117 9689 500

Education & Science Trust

(Institute of Chartered Foresters)



The Fund aims to:

- encourage forestry education;
- promote public lectures, demonstrations and exhibitions on forestry subjects;
- enable recipients to study forestry at technical colleges or training establishments at home or abroad, with a view to assisting recipients to qualify for a career in forestry;
- acquire or lend literature and photographic equipment for approved purposes.

The Trust's target group is students and others at an early stage of their forestry or arboriculture career who would benefit most from financial help with their professional development

Contact: ICF Head Office, 59 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2JG
ICF Bristol Office, Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square, Bristol, BS2 9PE

Tel: 0131 240 1425
0117 916 6427

Email: icf@charteredforesters.org

Website: www.charteredforesters.org

The Elmgrant Trust

The Trust offers grants to groups and individuals in the South West for general charitable purposes. They aim to improve the quality of local life and welfare through education, the arts and social sciences. Applications must live in the South West.

This funding will not be awarded for second or subsequent degrees or postgraduate study, overseas student grants, expeditions and travel and study projects overseas, counselling courses, large scale national organisations or those who have been received a grant from them in the last two year.

Applications are considered three times a year, usually around the end of February, June and October.

Contact: The Elmgrant Trust, Elmhirst Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6EL

Email: info@elmgrant.org.uk

Tel: 01803 863160



KidsOut



Grant aid is available from KidsOut to help disadvantaged children up to the age of 18 have fun. They provide a helpline for support on many issues, play opportunities and also small grants to individuals, families, schools and groups for the purchase of special play equipment, holidays, toys and outings.

Contact: 14 Church Square, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1AE

Tel: 01525 385252

Website: www.kidsout.org.uk

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

Grants are available for young people from low-income backgrounds, to help them gain vocational, accredited qualifications.



Grants of up to £1,500 are available for people aged 16 to 26, to take courses (up to level 3) that will help them move into employment. Funding can be given for course fees, equipment/materials, travel costs, childcare and living costs.

The charity don't fund course that are not vocational or accredited; Secondary education; university or postgraduate degrees; Individuals who already have a university or postgraduate degree; a course at a private dance/drama college or overseas courses.

Contact: Skinners Hall, 8 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SP

Tel: 020 7213 0561

Email: atwell@skidders.org.uk

Website: www.skidders.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/atwell

Monica Elwes Shipway Sporting Foundation

One off grants available for school children, university students and members of sports clubs in the UK to take part in sports. Grants are to assist with the costs of equipment and fees.

The Foundation aims to help students at school or university play games or sports to develop their physical education and mental well-being. Applications can be made by individuals living in England and Wales or organisations that are engaged in sporting activity and have limited financial resources. One off grants up to £300 are available for sporting fees and/or equipment. The foundation makes no contribution towards general university fees.

Contact: 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY

Tel: 020 7570 1460

Email: sgoldring@mwe.com

Peter Kirk European Travel Scholarship

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to young people aged 18-26 to cover a research project in Europe, lasting between six weeks and three months. The Scholarship was set up in memory of Sir Peter Kirk MP to offer young people a chance to gain a greater understanding of Europe.

Contact: Sherwood Place, Whitehill Road, Standford, Hants, GU35 8QT

Email: mail@kirkfund.org.uk

Website: www.kirkfund.org.uk

Princes Trust Development Awards



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Development Awards help tackle financial barriers that may be preventing you from accessing education, training or employment. You may be eligible for a grant of up to £500 if you are a UK resident, and you are aged **16-30** and are unemployed, working less than 16 hours per week or in education less than 14 hours per week.

Funding can be used to pay for things like tools or equipment for a job or qualification e.g. hairdressing kit, carpentry tools, chef's whites; course fees; interview clothes; license fees e.g. CSCS card (construction) or SIA license (security); childcare costs to help single parents access short term education or transport to a new job until first pay cheque.

Contact: Bristol Centre, Canningford House, 38 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6BY

Tel: 0800 842842 or text "CALL ME" to 07983 385418

Email: bristolcentre@princes-trust.org.uk

Website: www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants.aspx

Residential Support Scheme



If there's no residential bursary available for the Level 2 or 3 course you want to study, you are aged 16 or over and are 'ordinarily resident' in the UK you may qualify for the Residential Support Scheme - funded by the Education Funding Agency. If you qualify, the scheme will help pay for your term-time accommodation for a maximum of three years. Awards are based on household income.

Gross household income	Studying outside London	Studying in London
Up to £21,000	£3,458	£4,079
£21,001 to £25,704	£2,305	£2,685
£25,705 to £30,993	£1,152	£1,355
£30,994 or more	No award	No award

The course you are thinking of taking must:

- be more than 15 miles and more than a two hour return journey from your home - and there cannot be similar courses available locally
- be for your first level 2 or level 3 qualification
- involve at least 16 hours' attendance a week, and be of at least 10 weeks' duration
- be what's known as 'learner-responsive funded provision' (if you're not sure, ask your college's student adviser)

A 'reasonable daily travelling distance' is defined as a journey which is less than 15 miles, or a two-hour return journey.

Tel: Learner Support helpline: 0800 121 8989

Email: RSS@EFAlernersupport.co.uk

Website: www.direct.gov.uk

RNRM Children's Fund

The Royal Navy & Royal Marines
Children's Fund

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Children's Fund supports children whose parents serve, or have served, for the Naval Service. The needs of the children are paramount and help is provided when not available from family or statutory sources. The fund will pay for a variety of support to eligible children, such as help with school equipment, special educational needs, household essentials in cases of financial hardship, school fees etc.

Contact: Mrs M Bateman MBE, Sara Smith MIW, or Ali Simpson
311 Twyford Avenue, Portsmouth, PO2 8RN

Tel: 0239 263 9534

Email: caseworkers@rnmchildrensfund.org.uk

Website: www.rnmchildrensfund.org.uk

The Savoy Educational Trust

The Savoy Educational Trust is an independent, grant giving charitable trust, whose main aim is to advance and develop education, training and qualifications within the hospitality industry. Individuals can apply to the Trust for a grant of up to £500 to assist them if they are undertaking a hospitality-related course leading to an accredited qualification and require money to help with fees or to purchase items required for the course such as books, clothing or equipment. The Trust does not offer funding to students undertaking a non hospitality-related course.



Contact: Room 160, 90 Long Acre, London WC2E 9RZ

Tel: 0207 849 3001

Email: info@savoyeducationaltrust.org.uk

Website: www.savoyeducationaltrust.org.uk

Sedgemoor District Council Small Grants

Sedgemoor
IN SOMERSET

Sedgemoor District Council offers grants of up to £500 (no more than 75% of the total project cost) to projects that benefit the people of Sedgemoor and fit into the broad themes of Community, Environment, Arts and Sports.

Contact: Rob Semple, Community Development Project Officer, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR

Tel: 01278 436439

Email: community.services@sedgemoor.gov.uk

Website: www.sedgemoor.gov.uk

Thomas Wall Trust

The Trust offers funding to people aged 16 or over to assist them in overcoming barriers to work and study. Grants are made to people whose needs are more than just financial e.g. individuals who are qualifying to work after a period in prison; those experiencing poverty as a result of family breakdown; people recovering from illness or addiction etc. Grants do not normally exceed £1,000.



Contact: Thomas Wall Trust, 8 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SP

Email: information@thomaswalltrust.org.uk

Website: www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk

West Somerset Youth Trust

Funding is available for young people between the ages of 14 and 25 who reside in West Somerset or have strong links with the area, to help enrich their education. Applications can be made to help pay for course or event fees, travel costs, equipment or materials that will help to enrich their education. Grants are typically 25% of the total cost of the trip or event, with a maximum of £300. Previous grants have been awarded to attend international scouting jamborees, gap year trips, work experience placements, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and workshops at the National Youth Theatre.

Contact: Andy, Somerset Community Foundation, Yeoman House, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN

Tel: 01479 344949

Email: Info@somersetcf.org.uk

The Wrightson Trust

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Grants are available to support young people aged 11–18 years who are experiencing financial hardship to study music. Grants can pay for instrumental lessons; choir/orchestra tour fees; Saturday conservatoires etc. *... a charitable trust helping young musicians*

Contact: Trust Administrator, Swangles Farm, Cold Christmas, Hertfordshire, SG12 7SP.

Email: info@wrightsontrust.co.uk

Website: www.wrightsontrust.co.uk



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