

Freephone helpline 0808 808 3555

Charities that may give Educational grants to families with disabled children

There are grant-making organisations restricted to particular counties or areas of the UK, to people who have been in certain occupations and to denomination or faith of applicants that we have not been able to include here. **Please call our freephone helpline above for information on any of these trust funds.**

Please read the list carefully as not every grant on this list may be applicable to you. An application does not mean you are guaranteed a grant. We advise contacting more than one organisation for the item you need.

Grant giving Charities online

Turn2us is a charity providing an online service to help people access information on grants available to from both statutory and voluntary organisations in the UK. In many cases, applications for support can be made directly from the website and people can be kept informed by email or by text to their mobile phone. You can access the service at www.turn2us.org.uk

Helena Kennedy Foundation 020 8223 2027		www.hkf.org.uk
Type of grant	One-off bursaries of £2250	
Eligibility criteria	<p>HKF awards are designed to support students who have overcome significant barriers to complete their further education.</p> <p>Students can apply to the Foundation for the HKF bursary if they are: In the final year at a publicly-funded further education institution (e.g. in the last year of Access / A level / BTEC / Scottish Higher course at a UK FE / sixth form college) at the time of applying Aiming to start a first-time programme of higher education in the autumn of the year in which they are applying at a UK higher education institution (i.e. HND, BA, BSc, Bed, Foundation Degree). Students taking a 'gap' year will be considered.</p> <p>Students cannot apply if they: Are already on a higher education course, are seeking funding for a postgraduate course, are studying / intending to study at a privately funded institution, have already received an HKF award, have previously undertaken a higher education course or are studying or intend to complete their higher education course at an international institution.</p>	
How to apply	Applications will re-open in January 2021 Application forms and guidance notes are on the website. For further information on any aspect of completing an application please contact the Operations Manager Shahida Aslam 0208 223 2027 or email admin@hkf.org.uk	

<p>The National Deaf Children's Society Family helpline: 0808 800 8880 www.ndcs.org.uk</p>	
Type of grant	Technology Test Drive offers deaf children and their families in the UK the opportunity to borrow, free of charge, radio aids and other equipment to assess in the comfort of their own homes and at school. Equipment includes alerting devices, communication technology, listening aids for TV and MP3 players, radio aids. There is also a list of grant-making organisations on their website – look for 'sources of funding'.
Eligibility criteria	Deaf children between the ages of 4 and 18 in full-time education.
How to apply	If you are interested in borrowing any of these items, call them on the number above or email at: helpline@ndcs.org.uk
<p>Gardner's Trust for the Blind 117 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6AA Tel: 020 7253 3757</p>	
Type of grant	Financial assistance towards education, training and household items. No grants for holidays, residential or nursing home fees or for loan repayments.
Eligibility criteria	Registered blind or partially sighted people living in UK.
How to apply	Apply in writing either directly by the individual or by a 3 rd party who can confirm disability. Grants considered in March, June, September and December and should be submitted at least three weeks beforehand.
<p>Family Action Grants Programme Tel: 020 7254 6251 https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/educational-grants/</p>	
Eligibility criteria	For pupils 14+. Must be studying on a further education course, including pre-access and access, at a setting affiliated to Family Action's Educational Grants Service. (To find out if your college is an affiliated organisation ask student services at your college). Must be living on a low income (primarily in receipt of benefits), includes low waged, and have right of residency in the UK or be an asylum seeker (overseas students are unable to apply).
Type of grant	In the region of £200-300 for the 'additional' costs associated with a course of study such as clothing and/or equipment required for the course, travel, examination costs, computers/laptops. No grants for course fees, costs already incurred, items provided by the college for the course, childcare, study outside the UK, higher education courses, postgraduate study.
How to apply	Applications must be submitted on-line, by authorised members of college staff (usually student welfare advisors or equivalent) from affiliated organisations 020 7254 6251 - unable to respond to postal enquiries.

The Peter Greenwood Memorial Trust for Deaf People David Marshall, 2 Thornfield Terrace, Wilsden, Bradford BD15 0NB www.pgmtrust.org.uk

Type of grant	Grants towards books, videos, software and equipment which can't be provided from other sources.
Eligibility criteria	You must be able to show that you are either deaf or hard of hearing
How to apply	Download an application, or you can apply on a form on the Trust's website, together with a letter from someone like a social worker, GP, health professional or teacher who can verify the applicant's deafness and need. You can email them any questions.

The MFPA Trust Fund for the Training of Handicapped Children in the Arts 88 London Road, Holybourne, Alton GU34 4EL Tel: 01420887550

Type of grant	One-off and recurrent grants towards participation in painting, music, or drama, for example, books, educational outings and school fees.
Eligibility criteria	Children with physical or mental disabilities living in the UK between the ages of 5 and 18.
How to apply	In writing to the correspondent for consideration throughout the year. Applications can be made directly by the individual or through a third party such as their school, college or educational welfare agency. Applications should enclose a letter explaining their needs and a doctor's letter confirming disability.

The Snowdon Trust Tel: 01403 732 899 www.snowdontrust.org

Type of grant	Grants are given toward costs which cannot be met in full from statutory sources such as sign language interpreters or people to take notes; computer equipment, adapted or additional accommodation, travel, mobility equipment etc. Grants are normally £3000.
Eligibility criteria	Students who have a physical or sensory disability and are in post-16 education, can apply for help with additional disability-related costs that are not fully provided from available statutory funding.
How to apply	From the 1 st February you can apply for the academic year 2021/2022. Applications forms are available on their website along with full guidance notes. Will need to provide proof of course details, medical needs, two references and evidence of application for Disabled Students Allowance. See website for details.

The Royal National Children's Foundation Tel: 01932 868622 www.royalspringboard.org.uk	
Type of grant	One-off grants to help with school fees only. Enable children to attend independent boarding or day schools, or state boarding schools.
Eligibility criteria	Provides grants and boarding school places for children aged 7-16 where there is Chronic and enduring mental or physical ill health of parent, Disability of a sibling of sufficient severity affecting the care and normal development of other children within the family and Abandonment or abuse of child.
How to apply	If you think a child's circumstances fall within the above criteria, you need to complete an initial interest form on the website.
The Student Health Association (formerly known as BAHSHE) admin@studenthealthassociation.co.uk www.bahshe.co.uk <i>(Due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus applications submitted from March 2nd 2020 onwards will not be evaluated until November 2020).</i>	
Type of grant	One-off grants of up to £500 towards educational aids made necessary by the student's disability, eg special computer equipment, extra travel costs, cost of note-takers or signers and other special equipment. No grants for fees or general living expenses.
Eligibility criteria	Students over 18 on a course of study of more than 16 hours a week at a higher or post-graduate level, who are affected by illness, disease, accident or disability. Priority given to those not eligible for funding from their local authority. Students who are disabled but are not entitled to Disabled Students Allowance (either because they are ineligible or because they have been refused) are more likely to receive an award from the Student Disability Assistance Fund.
How to apply	Student must apply for Disabled Students Allowance and wait for the outcome before they can apply for a Student Disability Assistance Fund grant. Application form on the website. Should be submitted directly by the individual. After applying send a medical letter from your doctor confirming your medical condition, supporting letter from tutor, welfare adviser, disability officer or equivalent from University, outcome of application for a Disabled Students Allowance and the approximate cost of items you need funds for scanned via email. Deadlines for applications are March 1st, June 1st and November 1st of each year. Application form on the website www.studenthealthassociation.co.uk/bursaries.html
Erasmus Mobility Grants Tel: 0161 957 7755 https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/	
Type of grant	Grants for students carrying out study or work placement abroad based on the duration of the period abroad. Grant amounts are subject to change each year.
Eligibility criteria	Students from the EU who wish to study or work abroad.
How to apply	Students should enquire about the program at their home University department or at the address above.

S C Witting Trust The Administrator, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ Tel: 0207 663 1000	
Type of grant	One-off grants of £100 for uniforms/clothing, books and equipment/instruments. No grants are given towards debts or loans.
Eligibility criteria	People in financial need on low incomes and Students who are following a course of study at university who are ordinarily resident in Britain, Germany or Poland. You must be at university at the time of applying.
How to apply	Students at university: You can apply in writing on your own behalf with a letter of support, indicating your financial need) from a tutor. Applications can only be considered if you are in university at the time of applying. Proof of this is required. Applications must give a short case history, reasons for need and amount need. Applications are considered monthly. Unsuccessful applications will not be acknowledged unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided.
Lawrence Atwell's Charity For all enquiries call Tel: 020 7213 0561 www.skinner.org.uk/atwell	
Type of grant	Grants are available for young people living in England and Wales from low-income backgrounds, to help them gain vocational, accredited qualifications.
Eligibility criteria	Grants of up to £1,500 for people aged 16 to 26 who have no or few qualifications after leaving secondary education, have very limited or no support from their families, parents' income of less than £26,000 per year, have a disability (this includes mental health issues). Grants 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. Apply at any time. Courses must be vocational like a BTEC, City & Guilds, NVQ - Level 3 or below, Art Foundation Courses and Access Courses. No grants if you are still in secondary education, studying for GCSEs or A Levels, undertaking a course at a private dance/drama college, an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or studying any other course that is not vocational.
How to apply	Apply online via the website, starting with an eligibility quiz. Details of two referees will be requested. One is usually a recent teacher, tutor or employer and a family friend, support worker, social or health worker. Decisions on grants are made by a Committee which holds meetings every one to two months.

Information correct December 2020. We endeavor to keep this information up-to-date but criteria may change at short notice.



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