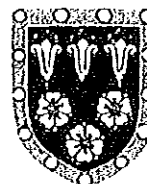


ALDGATE & ALLHALLOWS BARKING EXHIBITION FOUNDATION



Established 1895

GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Aldgate and Allhallows Barking Exhibition Foundation is an education charity that exists to benefit young people from the City of London and London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Established over 100 years ago, the Foundation is an amalgamation of three much older trusts founded by Sir Samuel Starling (1675), The Reverend Anthony Death (1679), and Alderman James Hickson (1686) that provided funds for education or trade training for young people from the City of London and East End.

The majority of the Foundation's support for individuals is distributed each year through bursaries for undergraduate students studying at Queen Mary and Birkbeck, Stratford. However, grants for students studying other courses or at other colleges or universities can sometimes be considered to individuals meeting the criteria outlined below.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to be considered for a grant, individuals must be:

- under the age of 25 on the day their course or year of study begins, and
- permanently resident in London Borough of Tower Hamlets or the City of London for at least the past three years, and
- from a low income background, and
- studying full-time in Further, Higher or Postgraduate education on a course of at least one year in length that will result in the awarding of a recognised qualification.

Individuals from a refugee background are welcome to apply, as long as they have been granted either Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK or full Refugee status. Individuals with time limited leave to remain are not eligible to apply.

Purpose and Length of Grants

Grants can be made for education costs (books, equipment, travelling costs) maintenance (living costs) and/or payment of tuition fees.

Grants are normally made for one academic year at a time. For grants spanning more than one year, payments beyond the first academic year are conditional on receipt of end of year reports from the student's college or university confirming that their attendance has been satisfactory and that they have successfully completed all exams and course work to enable them to progress into the next year.

Assessment Process

Each application is assessed by taking into account a range of information, including a student's age, academic achievement, references, and financial circumstances. This helps the Foundation ensure it gives priority to those in the greatest financial need. Applicants are required to supply details of their and their family's income and outgoings

(unless they are officially estranged or in the care of Social Services) and will normally be asked to attend an interview.

Restrictions on colleges and course

Grants are not normally given for courses at private colleges, fees at independent schools, or for short courses that are less than a year in length.

Grants are not made towards the costs of:

- Repeat years of study
- Study for a qualification at the same or a lower level than those an individual already possesses, even if the subject/s or module/s being studied are different
- Fees for Higher Education courses, unless they relate to second degrees and a Student Loan for fees is not available
- Medical Electives.

How to apply for a grant

Applications can be made at any time; there is no closing date but grants cannot be made retrospectively (i.e. for study that has already taken place).

If you think you are eligible and would like to make an application please write to Mr Richard Foley, Grants Manager, at the address below telling us your name, address, phone number, email address, age, course, how long you have lived in the City of London or Tower Hamlets, how you heard about the Foundation, and what you need a grant for.

If appropriate, we will then send you an application form to complete and return.

Enquiries

If, having read these guidelines, you are not sure whether or not you are eligible or have any questions, please telephone 020 7488 2518 for advice.

These guidelines are available in large print on request.

Please tell us what font size suits you best and whether you would like the guidelines emailed or posted to you.

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