



## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

### RESTRICTIONS & ELIGIBILITY

1. Under the scheme, individuals are invited to apply for an education grant via their medical school. The Trustees wish to identify and assist particularly gifted or talented individuals who find themselves in hardship and struggling to support themselves financially through medical school.
2. You must be a **UK citizen** and have successfully completed the first year of your undergraduate medical degree.
3. The Foundation will not fund overseas students, medical electives, volunteering, part time study or gap year projects.
4. It is a mandatory requirement of the Foundation that a personal or family **link with commerce is established** for an application to be considered. To qualify the applicant, the applicant's parents or grandparents must have worked in or owned a commercial business. This does not include professional people i.e. doctors, accountants, architects, solicitors, etc. Supporting documentation may be required. Details supporting this link will be requested on the application form.
5. The Trustees give preference to applications that will ultimately benefit the United Kingdom and its communities.

### TIMING

Grants are annual, with applications considered by the Trustees in May each year. The Medical School must submit up to five shortlisted applicants via our website on behalf of their students by the **31 March**. The Foundation will notify both the school and the applicants of the outcome in June.

### VALUE

Please apply for the amount you need up to a maximum of £15,000.

### PAYMENT

Grants will be paid directly to the individual usually in September of the year awarded. For larger grants it may be necessary to split the award into two payments up to 6 months apart.

### APPLYING AGAIN

Previous grant recipients, and those who were unsuccessful in previous rounds, can reapply but awards made are in open competition and there is no guarantee of any repeat funding.

### MONITORING

It is mandatory that all grant recipients submit a progress report to the Trustees; this will be requested in the March following the start of the academic year for which the grant was awarded.



## HOW TO APPLY

You must complete the Foundation's application form and type a personal statement of no more than 800 words. These documents must be returned to your medical school contact by the deadline they give you who will submit them online on your behalf by **31 March**.

In your PERSONAL STATEMENT, please ensure you:

- Highlight your academic excellence and reasons why you chose to study Medicine.
- Outline your career ambitions/intentions.
- Anything else you feel may be of interest to the Trustees.

### NOTE

The Trustees want to recognise individuals who are ***academically excellent***, have ***exceptional ability or potential*** but that are also experiencing ***hardship in their circumstances*** that is more than just a shortfall/lack of funding. The hardship statement is your opportunity demonstrate your need to the Trustees.

In your HARDSHIP STATEMENT, please ensure you:

- Detail how a grant from us will help you complete your studies.
- Do not repeat the content of your personal statement
- Explain why you are applying for a bursary, with the emphasis on any hardship and financial need

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS COMPETITIVE AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEED COMMITMENT OF FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION.**

Any general queries about the process should be addressed directly to the contact at your Medical School that provided you with the details of our education grants