

Application Guidance Notes for Individuals

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

History

The Foundation was founded in 1959 by the late George Drexler OBE for the advancement of education.

Restrictions & Eligibility

1. Under this section individuals **who received a bursary in support of the academic year 20/21** are invited to apply again for financial bursaries to support a recognised educational course in the UK. In assessing applications, the Trustees wish to identify and assist particularly gifted or talented individuals who are struggling to support themselves financially through university or college. **WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS.**

2. Note the Foundation will not fund medical electives, volunteering, study abroad, part-time study or gap year projects.

3. It is a strict requirement of the Foundation that applicants are UK citizens and that a personal or family link with commerce *must* be established for an application to be considered. To qualify either 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 will be required on the application form.

Timing

Bursaries are made annually, with applications considered by the Trustees in May each year. Completed applications must be submitted online via the Foundation's website by the **31 March**. All applicants will be notified of the outcome by early June.

Value

The Foundation has limited funds on which to draw annually. Applicants can apply for a bursary within the range £500 to a maximum of £2,000.

Payment

Bursaries will be paid directly to the individual usually in September of the year awarded.

Applying for to us for the first time?

We are only accepting applications from individuals who received a bursary from us for the year 2020-2021. Applications from any new individuals or from recipients of grants for years other than the academic year **2020-2021** will not be accepted.

Monitoring

It is mandatory that all bursary 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

All applications should be completed by the applicant using the online application form on the Foundation's website. www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding

The online application includes a personal statement which should be no longer than one side of A4 paper. You must also attach a written academic reference. *Only **ONE** written reference from an appropriate tutor should be attached.*

In your personal/hardship statements, please ensure you:

- Highlight your academic excellence and include the reasons why a particular Institution has been chosen at which to study.
- Explain why you are applying for a bursary, with the emphasis on any hardship and financial need, and how this will help you complete your studies.
- Outline your career ambitions/intentions.
- Anything else you feel may be of interest to the Trustees.

Please Note:

The trustees wish to recognise excellence and exceptional ability or potential and your application should demonstrate this.

The application process is competitive and there is no guaranteed commitment of funding from the Foundation.

Applications can be submitted online from 1st December – 31st March.

Any general queries about the process should be addressed directly to the Administrator via the website <http://www.georgedrexler.org.uk/contact-us>