



Guidance Notes for the Medical School Students

History

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

Restrictions & Eligibility

1. You must be a UK citizen and have successfully completed the first year of your undergraduate medical degree.
2. The Foundation will not fund *overseas students, medical electives, volunteering, part time study or gap year projects*.
3. The trustees wish to identify and assist particularly gifted or talented undergraduates who are struggling to support themselves financially through medical school.
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5. It is a strict requirement of the Foundation that *a personal or family link with commerce must be established for an application to be considered*. To qualify you, your 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.

Timing

Grants are made annually, with applications considered by the Trustees in May each year. Medical Schools must submit all applications online via our website by the **31 March**. The Foundation will notify both the school and the applicants of the outcome of their application by early June.

Value

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

Payment of Grants

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

APPLICANT GUIDANCE

Monitoring

It is mandatory that all grant recipients submit a progress report to the Trustees; this will be requested in the February 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 write a personal statement of no more than 1 side of A4 paper. 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 31st March.

In your personal statement, 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 and how this will help you complete your studies.



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- 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 applications should demonstrate this.

The application process is competitive and there is no guaranteed commitment to fund from the Foundation.