



## APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES FOR INDIVIDUALS

### RESTRICTIONS & ELIGIBILITY

1. Individuals are invited to apply 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.
2. The Foundation will **not fund** overseas students, medical electives, volunteering, part time study or gap year projects.
3. We do not fund primary or secondary education unless there are exceptional circumstances.
4. It is a mandatory requirement of the Foundation that applicants are **UK citizens**. 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. Details of this will be required on the application form.
5. The Trustees give preference to studies that will ultimately benefit the United Kingdom and its communities.

### TIMING

Bursaries are awarded annually with applications considered by the Trustees in May each year. Completed applications should be submitted online via the Foundation's website between **1 December and 31 March**. All applicants will be notified of the outcome in June.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL OR POST.**

### VALUE

The Foundation has limited funds on which to draw annually. As a result competition is fierce and only a small number of awards are made each year. Applicants can apply for a bursary within the range of £500 to a maximum of £2,000.

### PAYMENT

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

### APPLYING AGAIN

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

### 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: [www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding](http://www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding)**

The online application includes a personal statement that should be no longer than 5000 characters including spaces. **You must also attach a written academic reference.**

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.
- 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

Please ensure the ACADEMIC REFERENCE is;

- Written by an appropriate tutor/academic that knows you well enough to support your application
- On their institutes headed paper

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

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

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