

Foundation Bursaries

What is the Hinchingsbrooke Foundation?

The Hinchingsbrooke Foundation was set up hundreds of years ago, when we were still a grammar school. It owns the school buildings, farmland, and has a large investment portfolio. This produces an annual income that is used to support schools in Huntingdon.

Around 25% of the Foundation's income is reserved for payment of individual bursaries to young people under the age of 25.

Applications are considered three times a year:
January, April/May and October.

Around £35,000 a year is available for bursary grants. These tend to range from £50 to £500, sometimes more, but will generally only meet a part of any costs being sought.



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What sort of things can I apply for funding for?

Bursary payments can be used for the following things:

- Training
- Tools or equipment for courses or jobs
- Support for Special Educational Needs e.g. laptops
- To support and promote talents in areas of music, drama, art and sport
- Educational trips – the trip must be helpful and part of your learning

Are there things I cannot apply for?

Bursaries are generally not given out for:

- University tuition fees or accommodation costs
- Second degrees



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Who can apply for a Foundation Bursary?

Young people aged under 25

Trustees consider all applications but are likely to give more to:

- Students applying for the first time
- Families with financial hardship who find it hard to cover the whole cost needed

Who reads my application?

There are a group of Trustees who will look at your application. The meeting is completely confidential, and the Trustees do not even know your name.



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Is there any way I can improve my chances of receiving an award?

Yes. When you fill in the form you must make sure:

- You complete **all sections** of the form – including all financial questions and a full breakdown of costs
- You provide as much **detail** as possible – including how it will add to your education
- That **both references are completed** and that they are from your school, college or place of work (you are not allowed to use family or family friends for your references)
- That you show how you will try to meet some of the cost. For example, you might save from a part-time job or fundraise in your local community
- That you explain how you are an active member of your school or community



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When do I apply and when do I find out?

The Trustees only meet 3 times a year: you must send your application by the end of September, December or March to be considered at their meetings.

If you are given a bursary award you will then get a letter telling you how much you have been awarded. This offer will last for 3 months.

How do I get the money?

You will be sent a cheque. You must bank the cheque as soon as possible. If you have been given money for equipment, you will need to send a receipt or an invoice for the equipment to the Clerk of the Foundation and then you will be sent a cheque for the amount awarded.



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Where do I send my application?

If you hand your completed form in to the KS3 / KS4 or Sixth Form Pastoral Office, we will place it in Mrs Warner's tray, ready for collating

Where can I find the form?

All the information you need can be found on the school website here: <http://www.hinchingbrookefoundation.org.uk/>

