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Grants to Individuals

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Summary

This document sets out a review of Anguish's Educational Foundation grants to individuals' policy.

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Objects of the Charity

The Charity's Object is specifically restricted to the following: -

To promote the education of persons who are in need of financial assistance, and are resident in the Area of Benefit.

In furthering this Object, the Charity must give preference to beneficiaries who are:

- resident in the City of Norwich with further preference to them if they have lost either or both parents.

Eligibility

This is dictated by the Scheme of the Charity, (non-discretionary):

- 'Must be under 25 years of age': we interpret this as being up to the age of 24 years and 364 days on the day when Trustees consider the grant.
- be resident in the area of benefit: "the City of Norwich and the parishes of Costessey, Hellesdon, Catton, Sprowston, Thorpe next Norwich and Corpusty in the County of Norfolk".
- and be in need of financial assistance.

Assessment of Financial Need

Financial need is based on an assessment of household income.

Those with no income other than welfare benefits will be considered to meet the financial need requirement.

For those with earned income or other income sources, the 'financial need' requirement for an application will be £700 per week or less.

Household income encompasses money and benefits received from any source and includes all welfare benefits, including housing benefits, except those benefits specifically awarded to meet the extra cost of living with a disability (PIP, DLA or AA, and the disabled child component of Child tax credit and Universal Credit). Income from wages is calculated using the net income after tax, National insurance contributions, student loan and pensions.

Where the applicant has 3 or more dependent children and has income over the threshold of £700 per week, a deduction of £25 can be made from the income figure for the third and subsequent child/ren. (This reflects the additional costs associated with having a larger family and recognises that many benefits are not paid for third and subsequent children born after 6th April 2017- unless exemptions apply).

No applicant will be considered to be in financial need if they have savings that they could reasonably use to meet the need. Savings of £6,000 or more will generally exclude applicants from receiving a grant.

List of grants:

Standard Grants

It will be possible for applicants to apply for grants on-line by asking for a link to the application form.

The standard grants are:

- School Uniform/School Clothing grant
- Residential School Trips grant
- Further Education grant
- University Maintenance Grant

New Grant Stream

- Broadening Horizons Grants

Non-Standard Grants

Grant Officers should use their judgment based on the initial enquiry to determine whether an application may be acceptable for support for items or fees or services that are within the scope of the charity's objectives but outside of the scope of the grant streams mentioned above.

To apply a non-standard grant the potential applicant will need to have a conversation with a Grants Officer who will determine whether they are likely to meet the criterion for the grant. This may be conducted by telephone, by video or face to face appointment.

Examples of common non-standard grants that may be awarded include:

- Vocational and academic courses grant
- School Transport
- Colour Therapy glasses
- Child-minding costs
- Dance, music, drama and Sports training and pursuit of other hobbies and interests

School uniform/school clothing grant

A grant towards the cost of school wear (including footwear and sportswear) for a named child/child.

The child/children must be at least 4 years old on 31st August and starting reception year, up to the end of year 11.

Applications for school uniform grants can be accepted every other academic year for each child.

Applications can also be accepted in the academic year in which a child moves to High School, regardless of whether they benefited from a grant in the previous year.

Applications will not be accepted for school wear for children at 6th form or other forms of further education (Further Education Grant can be claimed for the student instead).

The grant award will be:

For children aged 4-10 incl. £100

For children aged 11-16 incl. £150

An additional High School bonus of £60 will be paid if an application is made for the academic year in which a child starts high school in recognition of the additional costs incurred.

Grants will be paid by BACS unless vouchers are specifically requested.

Where vouchers are paid, these can be exchanged for school wear at various shops or schools and are valid for 12 months from the date of issue. Vouchers must be used by the expiry date otherwise the grant will be lost.

It is recognised that applicants may need to replace items of school wear due to child growth, and wear and tear, and there may be times when the school modifies its uniform. However, no exceptions will be made to make additional grants in these circumstances.

Residential school trips grant

A grant for residential educational trips arranged by schools and colleges.

The school trip must have been approved as having an educational value (determined by Anguish's Educational Foundation) and costs less than £500.

Applications can be accepted for one trip per child per academic year.

Applications will not be accepted for a child to go on the same trip a second time.

For students in year 12 and above the trip must be directly connected to their course.

Parental contributions will be set at £20 for each school trip, regardless of how many children in the family are attending (e.g. families with twins).

If the grant plus any deposit the parent may have already paid exceeds the total cost of the trip, the parent should ask the school for a refund. Otherwise, the school should refund Anguish's Educational Foundation.

We will not accept applications for clothing and equipment for school trips.

We want to promote sustainability and do not consider it appropriate to provide new items for limited use. If specialist equipment is needed schools will often support parents with provision of items such as sleeping bags and waterproofs, or they can be borrowed from friends /family or sourced through community groups such as 'Freecycle'.

The grant award will be:

Total cost of trip less £20 parental contribution, paid to the school.

Further education grant

A grant for students in 6th Form or Further Education colleges or in other educational establishments following full-time courses which are below degree level. For example, A levels, Vocational A levels, Legal Secretarial courses, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Childcare, etc. The student can apply each year of their course so long as they remain under 25 at the date each year's course starts.

The grant is intended to cover costs which will enable them to access education or training and may include clothing, transport, IT equipment, books, and tools.

It is acknowledged that students may also be receiving a bursary from the college or school to cover transports, meals, and equipment. A further grant from Anguish's Education Foundation can be paid concurrently.

The application will be a joint application, made by the parents/carers and the student (unless the student is living independently).

Application will be accepted from 1st September each year following enrolment at the educational establishment.

The grant award will be:

£720 paid to the student via BACS.

(The only exception to this will be where the parent can provide evidence that the student is unable to manage their own money because of disability).

University maintenance grant

The University Maintenance grant supplements student loans and student earnings and is for general living expenses. It is intended to provide additional financial support to students from Norwich on undergraduate courses who are not able to expect financial support from their parents, because they have a low income.

Undergraduate courses are those which are eligible for undergraduate student finance including fees, loans and bursaries, and therefore includes courses with an integrated Master's qualification. No applications will be accepted for post graduate courses.

The applicant must be under 25 at the date the course commences, and their permanent home prior to commencing their course must be within the area of benefit.

Applications will not be accepted from students who have moved into the area of benefit to attend a course of Higher Education.

The application must be made by the student.

Where the applicant is considered a dependent of their parents for Student Finance purposes the parent/guardian income will be used to calculate the household income. (Students who are recognised as being estranged from their parents for student loan purposes will not be required to provide details of parental income).

Where students are not living with their parents prior to the commencement of the course of study and are in an established long-term relationship, the partner's income will be used to calculate household income.

The grant award will be:

For students who continue to live with their parent/guardian whilst studying
£720

For students who are living independently whilst at university £1,200

The grant is paid to the student by BACS.

The student can apply each year of their degree course so long as they remain under 25 at the date each year's course starts.

Vocational and academic courses grant for those aged 19 to 24.

This may include the cost of fees for a course of tuition, essential equipment specifically required for the course and if necessary, the cost of accommodation or travel.

A grant will not be approved if the applicant could gain the skills/knowledge or qualifications through another more cost-effective route, or for a course for which the applicant could obtain Student Finance.

The applicant must be under 25 at the date the course commences, and their family home must be within the area of benefit. The student can apply each year of their course so long as they remain under 25 at the date each year's course starts.

Applications will not be accepted from young people who have moved into the area of benefit to attend a course.

Where the applicant is ordinarily living with their parent/guardian the parent/guardian income will be used to calculate the household income.

Where students are not living with their parents prior to the commencement of the course of study and are in an established long-term relationship, the partner's income will be included in the calculation of household income.

In addition, if the applicant is planning to undertake studies part-time, alongside working, the Grant Officers will determine whether they are able to pay part / all of the costs.

The grant award will be dependent on need.

Course fees will be paid directly to the training establishment.

Please note: The funds available to support our grants are limited and therefore a Grants Officer will offer to discuss the likelihood of success before accepting an application for a Vocational and Academic courses Grant.

School Transport grant

Applications for travel to and from school will not be accepted unless the parent /carer has made an application to the Local Authority Education Department in the first instance.

Applications will not be accepted if the Local Authority has refused the application on the basis that the child does not live far enough away from the school.

Applications may be considered by Trustees if other circumstances apply and will be limited to the cost of public transport.

Colour therapy glasses grant

A grant for to cover the cost of glasses with tinted lenses on the recommendation of a report from the school SENCO or a recognised organisations such as Clarity Colorimetry.

Beneficiary must be under 25yrs.

The grant will cover the cost of initial assessment, basic frame and lenses.
Grant paid directly to the opticians by BACS.

Childminding Costs Grant

A grant paid to cover the cost of child-minding for students who are parents and under 25 yrs.

The applicant must be pursuing a course of study which should lead to better job prospects.

The applicant must apply for support with childminding from statutory sources and from the education provider before applying for a grant from Anguish's Educational Foundation.

The grant is paid by BACS to the recognised child minder/nursery (usually on termly basis)

Dance, music, drama and Sports training and pursuit of other hobbies and interests

Grants to meet the costs associated with dance, music, drama, sports and other hobbies and interests should only be considered in the following circumstances:

- when a young person has a disability, and the above is helping them with their disability, or
- if they are supported by the Local Authority Leaving Care Team and they need help to continue an interest which was supported whilst they were in the care system.
- If the young person has a *very* exceptional talent or ability.

Grants for course fees and tuition will be paid by BACS to the provider.

Grants for equipment will be paid by BACS to the applicant.

Broadening Horizons Grants

- Broadening Horizons Developmental travel- volunteering programmes
- Broadening Horizons Worldwide Scout Jamboree
- Broadening Horizons Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

A grant to enable young people from less advantaged backgrounds to take part in organised developmental travel which has potential to increase confidence, support career aspirations, support university applications or develop language skills.

We want to promote sustainability and do not consider it appropriate to provide a grant for equipment or clothing for travel or expeditions unless these could not reasonably be sourced second hand or borrowed from friends /family or sourced through community groups such as 'Freecycle'.

Broadening Horizons developmental travel- volunteering programmes – CURRENTLY CLOSED TO NEW APPLICANTS

In 2023 up to 10 grants will be available for young people aged 18yr – 24yr (on the date of travel) to meet the cost of undertaking a volunteering programme in the UK or overseas of a minimum duration of 3 weeks.

The applicant (young person) must have parental consent to travel.

The applicant is responsible for making a submission setting out the nature of the travel proposal (a volunteering programme, Camp America or similar), and what they hope to achieve. They are responsible for submitting a detailed and costed schedule of their trip.

Only applications that demonstrate that the applicant has properly researched and fully costed their proposed travel will be put to the Trustees for consideration.

No grants will be given to enable friends to travel together.

No grant will be given where the travel is primarily a holiday, or adventure travel.

Young people with earnings will be expected to show how they will use some of their own income to enhance their experience.

The maximum grant is £3,000, paid in instalments, as required, to service providers or by BACS to the applicant as deemed most appropriate by the Grants Officers.

Broadening Horizons - Worldwide Scout Jamboree

A grant available to young people selected to attend the Worldwide Scout Jamboree. The Scouts Organisation supports individuals with fund raising but it is acknowledged that young people from less advantaged backgrounds may find it more difficult to raise sufficient funds.

Where there is a shortfall in funding a grant of up to £500 may be awarded.

Broadening Horizons - Duke of Edinburgh

A grant available to young people wishing to participate in a Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. Participants are encouraged to undertake their own fund raising but it is acknowledged that young people from less advantaged backgrounds may find it more difficult to raise sufficient funds.

Bronze Award- Grant up to £400 for registration and expedition costs
Silver and Gold- Where there is a shortfall in funding a grant of up to 75% of the cost of the expedition (up to a maximum of £500) may be awarded.

Specific Exclusions

No grants will be given to meet the cost of educational / neurological or psychological assessments.