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Objects of the Charity

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

To promote the education of persons 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.

Those not 'ordinarily' resident in Norwich (for example those who have come to Norwich temporarily to access university) are not eligible.

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). Money received from a non-resident parent will be treated as income. Income from wages is calculated using the net income after tax, National Insurance contributions, student loan and pension deductions.

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 which they could reasonably be expected to use to meet the need.

List of grants:

Standard Grants

The standard grants are:

- School Uniform/School Clothing grant
- Residential Trips grant
- Further Education grant
- University Maintenance Grant
- Vocational and academic courses grant

To apply for a standard grant, request a link to the on-line application form.

Non-Standard Grants

Grant Officers will 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 non-standard grants that may be awarded include:

- 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 attending a school.

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, or if the Grant Officer has concerns that the grant may not be used for its intended purpose.

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 trips grant

A grant for residential educational trips organised by schools and colleges, and expeditions undertaken as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, or Worldwide Scouting Jamboree.

School Trips

The trip organiser is required to seek confirmation that Anguish's Educational Foundation will accept applications for trips that they are organising.

To be approved the following conditions must be met:

- The trip must be accepted as having educational value
- The total cost of the trip must not exceed £500
- There must be an expectation that most of the eligible cohort (at least 60%) will take part.
- The deposit must not exceed £20

Applications can be accepted for 'approved' trips from parents/carers for one trip per child in each 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.

The grant award will be:

Total cost of trip for each family, less £20 parental contribution, paid to the trip organiser.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme has the potential to increase confidence, support career aspirations, support university applications and develop communication skills.

Applications can be accepted for a grant to meet the cost of expeditions costing no more than £500 per award.

The grant award will be:

Total cost of expedition(s) for each family, less £20 parental contribution, paid to the trip organiser.

Worldwide Scout Jamboree

A grant is also available to support 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 low-income 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.

Clothing and Equipment: To promote sustainability, we do not provide grants for equipment or clothing for trips/ expeditions or Jamborees. These could reasonably be sourced second hand or borrowed from friends /family or sourced through community groups such as 'Freecycle'.

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. An application can be made each year of their course so long as the student remains under 25 at the date each year's course starts.

The grant is intended to cover costs which will enable the student 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 Education 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). The lead applicant will typically be the parent.

Application will be accepted from 1st September each year following enrolment at the educational establishment and must be made during the first academic term.

The grant award will be:
£720 paid to the student via BACS.

(The only exception to this will be where the parent/carer can provide evidence that the student is unable to manage their own money because of disability, or asylum seekers unable to obtain a bank account).

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 rely on 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 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 in respect of students who have moved into the area of benefit to attend a course of Higher Education.

Applications must be made before the end of the first term of each academic year, and evidence of the university place and student finance will be required.

The application will be a joint application, made by the parents/carers and the student (unless the student is estranged or living independently in an established long-term relationship). The lead applicant will typically be the parent.

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.

Where student is 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.

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 £1200

The grant is paid to the student by BACS.

An application can be made 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 and essential equipment specifically required for the course, and if necessary, the cost of accommodation (*very exceptionally*) 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.

Applications will not be accepted for the cost of university tuition fees, accommodation or general living expenses whilst at university (see details of the University Grant that is available on page 10).

The applicant must be under 25 at the date the course commences, and their family home must be within the area of benefit. 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 will be the lead applicant, and their 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 the costs.

The grant award will be dependent on need, and availability of resources.

If course fees are awarded, these will be paid directly to the training establishment.

Authority is delegated by Trustees to the Grant Officers to determine whether an application may be accepted, based on the initial enquiry.

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.

Authority is delegated by Trustees to the Grant Officers to determine whether an application may be accepted, based on the initial enquiry.

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. *Irlen syndrome*

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.

Authority is delegated by Trustees to the Grant Officers to determine whether an application may be accepted, based on the initial enquiry.

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)

Authority is delegated to the Grant Officers to determine whether an application may be accepted, based on the initial enquiry.

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

Authority is delegated by Trustees to the Grant Officers to determine whether an application may be accepted, based on the initial enquiry.

Other requests

Grants Officers may receive enquiries about financial support for something which fits with the charity's Objects, but for which we don't currently give grants. Where the Grants Officers **and** the Senior Grants Officer feel strongly that we should consider providing a grant, they should discuss this with the CEO.

If the CEO agrees, the case should be made to Trustees.

Cases such as these will be exceptional and significant care should be taken not to give the applicant 'false hope' that a grant will be approved.

Specific Exclusions

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

Application Process

The applicant will register to use flexigrant from a link sent to them by the Grants Officers after they have made an initial enquiry. They will be able to invite others (for example, a student) to register as joint applicant.

Applicants who are struggling with using the online system will be able to come into the office where they will be supported by the Grants Officers to complete the online form.

Office based appointments will continue to be offered where this is requested by the applicant to enable them to complete an application, or where the Grants Officer considers it to be appropriate to establish all the facts of a case and to ensure the applicant gets the right support.

Where the applicant needs support and does not speak English as their first language, the grants officers will offer to use the interpreting services provided through INTRAN.