



# Useful Links for Employers, Learners and Staff

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## Yorkshire Ladies Council of Education

<http://ylce.org/>

Small awards are given to successful applicants to help finance further or higher education at British institutions. To be eligible, applicants must be British women aged 21 and over, and applications must be submitted by the start of the months of January, March, June or September for consideration. The council offers sums between £100 and £500 and these are paid directly to institutions on behalf of applicants to support fees.

## Bishop Laney's Charity

[http://www.whitingandpartners.co.uk/Content/Bishop\\_Laney\\_Charity\\_Grants.htm](http://www.whitingandpartners.co.uk/Content/Bishop_Laney_Charity_Grants.htm)

Grants of between £75 and £3,000 are awarded to under-25s living in the parishes of Soham and Ely, however applicants living in other parts of Cambridgeshire will be considered where funds permit. Support is given to assist work, apprenticeships, as well as further and higher education. Grants can help to cover costs: from uniform and equipment, to travel and living expenses.

## City and Guilds (financial help)

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/Support/Finance-and-Funding>

City & Guilds offers a small number of bursaries each year to those that would like to study in order to improve their financial situation and would be unable to do so without support. The award of the bursary may cover both course fees and related expenses. Their application criteria states that students must be interested in studying for a City & Guilds qualification and are currently a resident in, or wish to study in, the UK. Applications are considered twice a year, in May and October, and successful applicants are invited to an interview for which travel costs will be paid.

## **BVNA Bursaries and Grants**

<http://www.bvna.org.uk/smartweb/membership-benefits/bursaries-available>

The bursaries may be awarded to BVNA MEMBERS who are, at the time of application, engaged in Veterinary Nursing or Veterinary Nurse Training in the United Kingdom.

### **Kennel Club Trust Veterinary Nursing Bursary**

<http://trust.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/kennel-club-trust-veterinary-nursing-bursary/>

Available to help support BVNA members with the costs associated with veterinary nursing training, the current bursary awards funding between £100 and £500 to cover costs that may include course fees, associated travelling, accommodation, and subsistence expenses.

### **BVNA Educational Bursary**

<http://www.bvna.org.uk/smartweb/membership-benefits/bursaries-available>

Bursaries in total of £500 may be awarded from the BVNA each year to eligible members who are engaged in Veterinary Nursing or Veterinary Nurse Training in the UK.

Applicants must have been a member of the BVNA for at least 6 months prior to applying for a Bursary. You are only permitted to apply for one bursary per year from the numerous ones available.

### **The Royal Canin Bursary**

<http://trust.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/royal-canin-bursary/>

A number of bursaries in total of £500 are available each year from Royal Canin. Successful applicants will be BVNA members in the United Kingdom and the bursaries are designed to assist student Veterinary Nurses and Veterinary Nurses attending courses or furthering their Veterinary Nursing Education. Applicants must have been a member of the BVNA for at least 6 months prior to applying for a Bursary. You are only permitted to apply for one bursary per year from the numerous ones available.

### **The VN Times Bursary**

<http://trust.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/vn-times-bursary/>

Up to £500 may be available each year as an educational bursary for successful applicants. As above, to be eligible, applicants must be engaged in veterinary nursing or veterinary nurse training in the UK.

## **Princes Trust**

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need\\_help/grants/development\\_awards.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/development_awards.aspx)

Through 'Development Awards' the Prince's Trust offers cash grants of up to £500 to help young people get into education, training or employment. To be eligible, applicants must be UK residents that are either aged 14-16 and not expecting to achieve five GCSEs grades A-C, or aged 16-35 and not in education, training or employment. The Award process can take up to 6 weeks and involves eligible applicants meeting with a Prince's Trust Awards Assessor.

## **Hilda Martindale Educational Trust**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/financial-support/trusts/female-students/hilda-martindale>

Trust funding open to British female students only. Grants are given to support successful applicants with the costs of training, with up to £1000 awarded.

## **The Society for Promoting the Training of Women**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/financial-support/trusts/female-students/society-training-women>

Open to women in training, interest free loans of around £1,000 are available for successful applicants, repaid by monthly instalment.

## **The Altrusa Careers Trust**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/financial-support/trusts/female-students/altrusa-careers>

Trust funding for female students in the UK who wish to further their career prospects or to retrain after bringing up a family. Loans of up to £500 are available.

## **The Broadlands Home Trust**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/financial-support/trusts/female-students/broadlands>

Applications are invited from young girls under the age of 22 for educational purposes.

## Helena Kennedy Foundation Trust

<http://www.hkf.org.uk/awards.php>

For students undertaking a higher diploma or undergraduate degree for the first time and may be disadvantaged in some way. One-off bursaries of £1,500 are awarded and applications must be submitted between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March for consideration.

## Discretionary Learner Support

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/DG\\_10033131](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/DG_10033131)

If you are aged 19 or over, Discretionary Learner Support might be one source of help. To be eligible to apply you must be 19 or over and accepted onto and be studying a programme of learning funded by the Skills Funding Agency. The funds are prioritized for those facing financial hardship and can be used to help with costs such as those for childcare, accommodation, essential course-related equipment, materials, field trips and travel.

## The Residential Support Scheme

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/ExtraHelp/DG\\_066986](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/ExtraHelp/DG_066986)

Funded by the Education Funding Agency, this bursary scheme may help those that qualify to pay for term-time accommodation. Students can claim up to £3,458 (£4,079 in the London area) towards living costs for a maximum of three years, with support varying in relation to gross household income. To qualify, students must be 16 or over, and an 'ordinary resident' in England. Further to this the award criteria states that your course must:

- be your first level 2 or level 3 qualification
- be a 'learner-responsive funded provision'
- be outside a 'reasonable daily travelling distance' from your home – and there cannot be similar courses available locally
- involve at least 16 hours of attendance a week, lasting at least 10 weeks in duration

## Care to Learn

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/Caretolearn/DG\\_066556](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/Caretolearn/DG_066556)

This scheme can help by paying for childcare costs while you learn. Eligible for those under 20, the Care to Learn funding could pay up to £160 per child per week (up to £175 for those living in London). To access such funding you must also be living and learning in England, caring for your own child or children, be either a British citizen or a national of another country within the European Economic Area (EEA). Apprentices receiving a wage cannot receive Care to Learn, however there are alternative schemes that can help with childcare costs, such as those through the Tax Credit system.

## Horizons Education Fund

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=14805>

<http://www.yourhorizons.com/>

As part of the Barclaycard Horizons Programme grants are given to support lone parents with the costs of education and training. Horizons Your Money Programme is also available for those bringing up children on their own. The program is free and is run by Citizens Advice across the country with an aim to support and advice lone parents on a range of money matters, covering management and budgeting, dealing with loans, credit and debt.

## Family Action's Welfare Grants

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=8301>

Grants are available for clothing and general household needs, with general grants made for around £100 - £300. New applications are accepted during the months of January, April, July and October each year. The Welfare Grant programme assists those on low incomes, particularly those living on benefits

## Professional and Career Development Loans

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/CareerDevelopmentLoans/DG\\_10033237](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/CareerDevelopmentLoans/DG_10033237)

A Professional and Career Development Loan is a deferred repayment bank loan for which the Skills Funding Agency pays the interest while you're studying and for one month afterwards. This is currently offered by Barclays and the Co-operative Bank, and you can take out between £300 and £10,000 from participating banks. After your studies you will pay back your loan with a fixed interest rate from when you took out the loan so, unlike other available loans, these are 'secure'.

<http://www.barclays.co.uk/Loans/Ourloans/ProfessionalandCareerLoan/P1242557963934>

<http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1193206376155,CFSweb/Page/Bank-Loans>

## Adult Dependants' Grant

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Typeoffinance/DG\\_171617](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Typeoffinance/DG_171617)

Students in full-time higher education who are supporting a financially dependent adult may be entitled to extra help through the Adult Dependants' Grant. The maximum amount that can be received through the Adult Dependants' Grant is £2,642, with the exact amount given dependent on your income and the income of your dependants.

## **The Cross Trust**

<http://www.lantra.co.uk/Business/Fund-Finder/The-Cross-Trust.aspx>

Applications may be submitted by young students of Scottish birth or parentage for annual awards of up to £175,000.

## **The Scottish International Educational Trust**

<http://www.scotinted.org.uk/index.htm>

The Scottish International Educational Trust provides financial help for Scottish students who wish to further their studies or professional training in circumstances where they are unable to receive public funding. Applications are required by mid-February for consideration in March, or mid-July for the September Board meeting. The Trust provides up to £30,000 annually.

## **Education Grants Advisory Service**

[www.egas-online.org](http://www.egas-online.org)

Career development loans are available for between £300 and £8,000 for those who wish to take part in part time or full time vocational study towards employment.

## **Lawrence Atwell's Charity**

[www.skinnerhall.co.uk/charities/lawrence-atwell-charity.htm](http://www.skinnerhall.co.uk/charities/lawrence-atwell-charity.htm)

A charity that provides funding for 16-26 year olds studying for a vocational qualification with an aim to help young people free themselves from poverty and disadvantage, ultimately heading into the job they want.

## **The Thomas Wall Trust**

<http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

Grants are offered for up to £600 to assist young adults in financial need that are not currently in mainstream education yet wish to study educational courses. Support is directed towards vocational or social service courses in particular that will lead to paid employment.

## **Dr Meena Sharma Memorial Foundation**

<http://msmf.cwahi.net/>

Grants are made for small sums of around £100-£250, with a maximum of £500 given to help children and women of the UK and India. Support is directed in particular towards the disabled, underprivileged and disadvantaged, and applications are welcome throughout the year.

## Diamond Education Grant

<http://sigbi.org/our-charities/diamond-education-grant/>

The Diamond Education Grant provides grants to assist women seeking to refurbish their skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve their opportunities of employment and promotion. Grants are given to help towards the cost of course fees or books/equipment, not for living expenses.

### Applications

To be eligible to apply, you must be female and permanently resident within one of the countries of the Soroptimist Federation (SIGBI). To see a full list of countries and clubs within the Federation, and check your eligibility, please go to [Our Clubs](#).

## The National Career Service (0800 100 900)

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

The National Careers Service offers a free 'Lifelong Learning Account' where your funding information can be stored. Under 'My Funding Search' you can enter your current and target qualification levels and date of birth to search for possible funding entitlements.

## Additional Funding Opportunities

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Applyingforthefirsttime/DG\\_171571](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Applyingforthefirsttime/DG_171571)

You may be able to access a bursary that offers additional funding that does not have to be paid back. For example, bursaries are available to help with living costs if you get the maximum grant available through the Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant.

To find out exactly what bursaries or scholarships are available for you, the on-line Student Finance Calculator will provide you with an estimate of the financial support that you could receive.

## Money to learn

<http://moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk/>

You may be eligible for a bursary if you are aged between 16 and 19 years and think you might struggle financially. Further to this, a bursary of £1,200 a year may be available to young people in care, care leavers, young people claiming income support in their own name, and disabled young people who receive both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance in their own name.

## Money Matters to Me

<http://www.moneymatterstome.co.uk/5-Spending-and-budgeting/Sub1/WhatAmISpendingMyMoneyOn.htm>

A website that can help you with the money matters of spending and budgeting. Advice covers areas such as how to keep records of your spending and bills, ways in which you can save money, and how you can manage your finances.

## Turn 2 Us

<http://www.moneymatterstome.co.uk/RecentlyUnemployed.htm>

A clear step-by-step route through managing finances, with advice that concerns the recently unemployed in particular. Details focus on aspects such as Council Tax, debt, mortgage and rent arrears, as well as further advice on budgeting.

## Family Action

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=77>

Links to the Barclaycard Horizons Programme/Horizons Education Fund, Educational Grants Programme, Educational Grants Search and Welfare Grants Programme

## The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust

<http://www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk/undergraduate/introduction.cfm>

Bursaries of up to £3,000 per annum are awarded to successful applicants, with financial support for eligible UK students undertaking full-time Undergraduate degree courses. Eligibility criteria are strict, and support is only available for those connected with Commercial Travellers, Grocers of Chemists. Further details concerning eligibility can be found on the Trust's website, along with application forms which are available to download. Application deadlines are the 1<sup>st</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> March each year and submissions should be delivered through the student's institution who are also required to administer any payments authorised by the Trust.

## The Leathersellers' Company

<http://www.leathersellers.co.uk/content.php?pid=64>

Educational awards are given to successful applicants of up to £4,000 per annum. An online application must be submitted. Applicants must satisfy criteria which include the conditions that either an unconditional offer must be held, or a student must already be enrolled on a full-time degree course at a UK University at the time of application. Priority is given to exceptional students from the Greater London area.

## Huntingdon Freemans Trust

<http://www.huntingdonfreemen.org.uk/>

If you are a resident of Huntingdon, they may be able to provide help for relief in need, education or apprenticeship purposes, recreation and leisure, pensioners, groups and events.

## Transport (London)

[www.londonsetup.com/london](http://www.londonsetup.com/london)

<http://www.statravel.co.uk/discount-cards.htm>

## Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

[http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topics/2013-travelling-fellowships-applications-now-open-winston-churchi?xg\\_source=activity](http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topics/2013-travelling-fellowships-applications-now-open-winston-churchi?xg_source=activity)

The Fellowships are to enable men and women, from all walks of life and every corner of the UK to acquire knowledge and experience abroad. In the process they gain a better understanding of the lives and cultures of people overseas and, on their return, their expertise is enhanced greatly, as is their effectiveness at work and their contribution to the community

## Sir Jon Sumner Trust

[http://www.turn2us.org.uk/charities/s/sir\\_john\\_sumner%E2%80%99s\\_trust.aspx](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/charities/s/sir_john_sumner%E2%80%99s_trust.aspx)

People in need who are resident in the UK, with strong preference for the Midlands.

People studying nursing or medicine, including veterinary studies, who are in need and living in the UK, although there is a strong preference for the Midlands.

No grants towards religious or political causes. Grants towards equipment, instruments, fees or living expenses.

Applications in writing to the correspondent, through the individual's college or welfare agency. Applications can be considered at any time.

Two referees should be provided, one of whom must be from the relevant educational establishment.

## Which Way Now?

<http://www.whichwaynow.org/>

Which Way Now brings all aspects of further education, employment and skills information together in one place. Start your path now by clicking on a link on the right and following the questions to reveal resources that can help you to progress in education and work

## Citizens Advice Bureau – Council Tax guide

[http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/england/benefits\\_e/benefits\\_help\\_if\\_on\\_a\\_low\\_income\\_ew/help\\_with\\_your\\_council\\_tax\\_council\\_tax\\_benefit.htm](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/england/benefits_e/benefits_help_if_on_a_low_income_ew/help_with_your_council_tax_council_tax_benefit.htm)

## Grant making bodies A-Z

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/moneyMatters/financialSupport/grantMakingBodies.aspx>

## UK organisations and trusts which may be useful to contact for part funding

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/financial-support/trusts/national>

## The Altrusa Careers Trust

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/financial-support/trusts/female-students/altrusa-careers>

Open to women in the UK who wish to further their career prospects or to retrain after bringing up a family. A loan of up to £500 is available. Girls still at school and women studying for a PhD are not eligible. The closing date for applications is 31 March each year.

For an application form please write to The Altrusa Careers Trust.

## Money Saving Expert

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/banking/student-money-saving>

Student life is packed with Money Saving opportunities and pitfalls. Borrow right (and cheaply), budgeting *properly*, understanding myriad fees and nabbing ALL discounts are crucial to making it out in one piece.

This is a one stop shop to EVERYTHING you need to get through college and uni without a serious debt hangover, including the full lowdown on loans, tuition fees, overdrafts, grants, and even how to party the Moneysaving way! Plus, it's worth saying now...

## Scholarships and student funding service

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/undergraduate/uk-eu/bursaries/access-bursaries/supporters>

Various sites some of which pertain to Scottish learners only but is still worth exploring.

## Family Action Trust

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037>

Family Action's educational grants help to unlock post-16 educational opportunities for under-represented and disadvantaged groups.

We assist those participating in further and higher education and those developing skills and confidence to enable them to go on to progress through the education system. Our grants help individuals to begin their studies as well as supporting existing students to continue and complete their studies.

## Vet Nurse website

Exchange ideas, experiences and knowledge with your peers. Make friends. Find a new job. Catch up with the latest goings on in the profession. And get details of upcoming CPD and industry events. Plus there's an extensive training section with interactive modules to help you towards your qualifications.

<http://www.vetnurse.co.uk/>

## Your Money Programme - money advice for lone parents

<http://www.yourhorizons.com/money-advice-for-lone-parents/>

Horizons Your Money is a completely free programme run by Citizens Advice across the country.

As much of the work we do at Citizens Advice is with lone parents, we fully appreciate and understand the financial pressures that one parent families face.

Through the Horizons Your Money programme, we provide support and advice to lone parents on a whole range of money matters, covering everything from managing your money and budgeting, to dealing with loans, credit and debt.

The Your Money programme is open to everyone who is bringing up children on their own.

## Online Benefits adviser

Find out what benefits you could get, how to claim and what happens if your circumstances change. You can answer questions anonymously.

<https://www.gov.uk/benefits-adviser>

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>

## Funding for individuals

[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need help/your next steps in the uk/alternative sources of funding/funding for individuals.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/your_next_steps_in_the_uk/alternative_sources_of_funding/funding_for_individuals.aspx)

[http://www.izito.co.uk/wsuk/izito\\_uk\\_aw1c450/bursaries%20for%20students/](http://www.izito.co.uk/wsuk/izito_uk_aw1c450/bursaries%20for%20students/)

<http://www.animaljobsdirect.com/>

## **Post 16 transport**

Cambridgeshire County Council site

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/education/furthereducation/post16edtransport.htm>

## **Educational Grants Advisory Service**

The Educational Grants Advisory Service helps students who are over 16, “taking their first steps on the educational ladder”, primarily assisting students who cannot receive statutory funding. Priority to lone parents, disabled, refugees, people from underprivileged backgrounds. It gives advice on how and where to obtain funds. Send a SAE to Family Welfare Association 501 – 505 Kingsland Road, London, E8 4AU or call 0207 241 7459 for more information.

## **LandAid**

<http://www.landaid.org/grants/>

LandAid uses the collective resources, expertise and influence of the property industry to help the young people experiencing disadvantage across the UK access the buildings, skills and opportunities they need to achieve their potential. With over 1 million young people in the UK not in education, employment or training, LandAid is relevant now more than ever and together, we can do more.

## **Animal Jobs Direct**

<http://www.animaljobsdirect.com/>

Animal Jobs Direct is dedicated to providing global recruitment and online training solutions for the animal care sector.

Whether you are a school leaver, graduate or a professional looking for a career change, this site is for you.