

TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL⁺

Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall

Hardship Grants for Individuals in Need

Education

The Elmgrant Trust

<http://elmgrant.org.uk/sample-page/>

The Elmgrant Trust accepts applications from individuals who are further educating themselves to improve their job prospects with a clear compassionate need. The Elmgrant Trust is a charity which makes grants for charitable purposes to individuals living in the South-West of England and to organisations and groups with projects in the South-West. By so doing it aims to improve the quality of local life and welfare through education, the arts and social sciences.

Diamond Education Grant

<https://sigbi.org/what-we-do/our-charities/deg/>

This grant awarding body was set up by our Federation (SIGBI) in 1972. Its purpose is to provide grants to assist women to update their skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve their opportunities for employment and promotion. Awards are made to help towards the cost of course fees or books/equipment, not for living expenses. Please be aware of the timescale – The online application form is available at the end of November for grants towards courses in the following academic year, September to July.

The Douglas Bomford Trust

www.dbt.org.uk

Grants are available for higher education students who are studying agricultural engineering or a similar degree.

The Gane Charitable Trust Grants Programme

www.ganetrust.org.uk/apply

Grants up to £500 for individuals facing exceptional difficulty in meeting the cost of further education expenses either for adults or their children who are studying architecture, further education in the field of crafts, or social welfare and care. The Trust prefers to donate towards the cost of materials, publicity, tools or books in the areas of art, craft and design, and towards the cost of education and training.

Please note the Trust is planning to launch a new website in October 2025 together with a new style application form for the next round of grant giving on 11th February 2026 (submission deadline 21st January).

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

<https://skinner.org.uk/young-peoples-vocational-development-individual>

Grants are available for young people from low-income backgrounds, to help them gain vocational, accredited qualifications. We offer grants from £100 to £2,000 for people aged 16 to 26, to take courses (up to level 3) that will help them move into employment. Funding can be given for course fees, equipment/materials, travel costs and childcare. The charity does not give grants for secondary education, university or postgraduate degrees or courses at a private dance/drama college. We also don't give grants for general welfare purposes.

Sidney Perry Foundation

www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk/

Non-profit organisation dedicated to providing grants to students. "To assist persons to obtain education in its widest sense, other than primary, when the expenses thereof would without such assistance be beyond their means". The Foundation supports first-degree students with supplementary grants to a maximum of £1000. Students must be under 35 years old at the start of the course.

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

www.qest.org.uk/

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) is a charity that funds the education of talented and aspiring crafts people through traditional university or college courses, vocational training, apprenticeships or one-on-one training with master craftsmen/women. QEST has funded craftspeople across more than 150 craft disciplines, ranging from millinery to thatching, arms and armour restoration to ice sculpture and basket weaving to musical instrument making.

Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust

www.stapleytrust.org/

Supports the work of students of proven academic merit, and in financial need, who are pursuing further degrees or certain postgraduate qualifications at an institution in the UK. The Trust supports courses in medicine, dentistry or veterinary studies taken as a second degree, as well as certain postgraduate courses in any subject. All grants are made annually and are normally between £500 and £1,250.

The Thomas Wall Trust

www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/

The charity offers grants up to £1,500 to study on accredited vocational training courses up to qualification level 3 and towards other costs associated with studying, including: childcare, travel and mobility costs, and accessible study materials. To be able to apply for help from the Thomas Wall Trust, you must be undertaking accredited vocational training up to level 3 and be experiencing financial difficulties. You must also have been unemployed for at least six months within the last two

years, have the right to work and study in the UK, and have lived in the UK for at least three years.