

Scholarships and Bursaries

Mrs Ashby

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Why bother?

- It WILL take time to both search and apply for scholarships, but
- **IT IS FREE MONEY YOU NEVER HAVE TO PAY BACK**
- It will reduce the amount of time you potentially need to work part time, freeing up time for involvement in societies, work experience, internships etc.

Types of Scholarship/Bursary

- Academic / merit awards (based on grades)
- Needs based (most often based on financial need, or specific personal challenges faced)
- Student-based scholarships (based on distinct features of the awardees e.g. vegetarian)
- Sporting / musical achievement

Two easy things you can do

1. When you apply for student finance, tick the box to say 'YES' to Student Finance England sharing details of your application with the universities you have applied to?



WHY? They will be able to assess your eligibility for their own scholarship programme.

2. Look up each of the universities you have applied to, find out about financial support available from each specific institution

An example of what could be on offer:

Citizens of Change 100 Scholarship

To mark one hundred years since the university opened, we're offering 100 Citizens of Change scholarships. All you have to do to apply is record a video (60 seconds max.) in response to the question **“What do you want to change?”** This could be anything from your future or crime in your community, to the climate crisis or people's health.

[Find out more about our Citizens of Change 100 Scholarships](#) →

UCL Undergraduate Bursary

The UCL Undergraduate Bursary provides support to UK undergraduates with a household income below £42,875. The Bursary is given in each year of undergraduate study, provided the household income remains below £42,875

You do not have to repay the UCL Undergraduate Bursary.



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- ✓ Access to additional database of 3.500

Special opportunities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Select special opportunities below

Pick the best opportunities for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.

Stuck on a strange term? Check out the [glossary](#) v

Rank v

Filter v

Keyword search

Activities (93)

Virtual work experience, contextual offers, gap years...

[Aberystwyth University Contextual Offers](#)

Aberystwyth University
Lower entry grades dependent on circumstances

[Action Tutoring](#)

Action Tutoring
Improve your grades

[Aston University Contextual Offer](#)

Aston University, Birmingham
Reduce your offer by one or two grades

[Bangor University Beneficial Offers](#)

Bangor University
Lower entry grades dependent on circumstances

[BGU Open Days](#)

Bishop Grosseteste University
Bishop Grosseteste University Open Day

One-off scholarships (288)

Money all in one go

[Michael Grandage Scholarship](#)

Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London
£5,000 Fee waiver and £5,000 for living costs

[Sir Cameron Mackintosh Scholarship](#)

Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London
£5,000 fee waiver and £5,000 living costs

[Honours Year Scholarship](#)

University of Stirling
£9,250

[Mature Students Scholarship](#)

Goldsmiths, University of London
£3,000 a year

[The North Eastern Scholarship](#)

University of East Anglia UEA
£2,000 a year

[Elite Sports Scholarship](#)

Renewable scholarships (477)

Money every year

[Asylum Seeker Scholarship](#)

University of Sheffield
Full tuition fees plus £9840 a year

[Stormzy Scholarship for Black Students](#)

University of Cambridge
£18,000 a year

[Brian Cooper Scholarship](#)

Durham University
£13,000 a year

[Sanctuary Scholarship](#)

Royal Holloway, University of London
Full tuition fee waiver and £12,000 a year

[Goldsmiths International Response Scholarship](#)

Goldsmiths, University of London
Tuition fee waiver, accommodation fee waiver and £11,400 a year

[Article 26 Scholarship](#)

Currently lists 700+ UK scholarships that can be searched/filtered/ranked in a number of ways

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or go back

Specific Scholarships and Bursaries available to students at Kimberley College

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The Harper Trust University Bursary

A bursary to support able students from lower income families who are anxious about the financial commitment involved in university study.



	The Harper Trust University Bursary
Value	£1200 per year
Type of support	Does not need to be paid back
Criteria *students cannot apply for this AND the Connolly Foundation Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be resident in Bedford Borough (minimum of 2 years) • Must have an offer of a place at University • Must take up a university place in September 2021 • Must have applied for all available forms of support (student loans for tuition fees, maintenance, higher education maintenance grant) <p>Additional criteria (at least two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the first generation of their family to attend university • Come from a low income family (e.g. eligible for the college 16-19 bursary). Preference given to families with an income of £25,000 or less • Are living independently • Have additional financial difficulties as a result of a specific family or other exceptional personal circumstance
How many awards available	Typically only one award per school per year

How do I apply?

- You must **inform Mrs Ashby** asap that you intend on applying for the award so that best advice can be given about which award is more appropriate for you, the Harper Trust bursary or the Connolly Foundation Award.
- Deadline for applications to the Harper Trust Bursary is **30th April 2021**. However your application must be sent to Mrs Ashby by 19th April 2021 in order to give us time to ensure you have a supporting statement from the college.
- We can support you with your application.

6. Your financial circumstances	
Have you applied to Student Finance England for a loan for tuition fees, a maintenance grant or maintenance loan? If yes, please give details and attach evidence.	Yes / No What was the outcome, if known?
What are the annual tuition fees charged by your chosen university?	
What is the maximum bursary offered by your chosen university?	
Have you applied for the bursary? If not, please tell us why.	
Have you applied for any other help with your university studies e.g. scholarships or grants from other charities or trusts? <i>Please note, if your school / college benefits from Connolly Foundation bursaries you must decide whether you wish to apply for their award or a Harpur Trust bursary. We share names of applicants and will reject applicants who have applied to both schemes.</i>	Yes / No If yes, please tell us which organisations you have applied to and what the outcome was.
Do you have a job?	Yes / No If yes, please tell us: a) What job you do b) Whether you are expected to contribute to household expenses

Will you or your family be making any provision towards your study costs?	Yes / No If yes, please give details.
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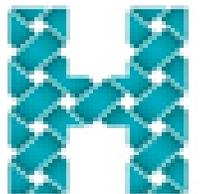
7. Your personal circumstances				
Where do you live? (please circle)				
Two parent home	One parent home	With guardian(s)	Independently	Other
How many dependents apart from you live at home?				
Please provide details of your parent(s) or guardian(s) income. Evidence may be requested. If you are living independently, please provide details of your own finances.				
Monthly Income	£			
Universal Credit				
Income Support / Jobseekers Allowance / Employment Support Allowance				
Other benefits (e.g. tax credits, child benefit etc.)				
Pension				
Wages				
Other				
Other				

Have you ever received any benefits such as free school meals or the 16-19 Bursary whilst you have been at school or college? Please give details.	
Have you received any additional financial support through your school or college? Please give details and the amount received.	
Has anyone in your family been to University? Please give details.	
8. Student supporting statement	
<p>Students must provide a written statement of no more than 500 words (one sheet of A4) to include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What you have gained from your post 16 education • Why you have chosen your particular course • Why you have chosen the universities identified • What you hope to get out of university and your ambitions for the future • What personal and educational challenges you have had to overcome to reach this stage in your education • Why you feel you meet the Bursary criteria and are a suitable candidate for extra help from The Harpur Trust 	

STUDENTS CANNOT APPLY FOR BOTH THE HARPER TRUST AND CONNOLLY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Eligible for both and not sure which to apply for?

Complete section 6-8 of the Harper Trust form and send to Mrs Ashby for consideration so that we can offer you the best advice.



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The Connolly Foundation – Academic Excellence Award and Discretionary Award

A bursary to provide financial support to able students from partner schools and colleges.

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	Academic Excellence Award (Main Award)	Discretionary Award
Value	Up to £1000 per year	Up to £500 per year
Type of support	Does not need to be paid back	Does not need to be paid back
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must study 2 of the following subjects: English, Literature, Chemistry, Geography, Economics, Italian, Physics (BTEC), Mathematics • Must achieve A, A and B grades on results day. <p>25 students awarded a total of £21,500 last summer.</p> <p>An additional 17 eligible students who DID NOT apply, would likely have received an award based on their results on results day.</p>	<p>No criteria – letter of support from college to be included</p> <p>Can be going to university or into employment</p> <p>All 6 applicants awarded £500 each last summer, a total of £3,000</p>
How many awards available	No limit to the number of applications that can be submitted or awards granted.	6

What does a good application look like?

There are a number of sections to the application form as follows:

Part 1: Personal Details

Part 2: Course details (what you are currently studying at Kimberley) AND
University application details

Part 3: Predicted A Level grades

Part 4: Career Aspirations

Declarations, bank account details and signature

Part 5: Academic/Personal Reference – completed by the college

Part 1: Personal Details

First Name (in full)	
Surname (in full)	
Gender (<i>please circle</i>)	Male Female
School Attended	KIMBERLEY COLLEGE
Tutor Group	NOT SURE? – ASK YOUR TUTOR
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Age (in years)	
Full Correspondence Address (including postcode)	
Telephone Number	ENSURE ACCURACY HERE –
Email Address	IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

COMPLETE IN FULL – DO NOT LEAVE ANY GAPS

Part 2: Course Details

Is this your 2 nd or 3 rd year in the Sixth Form?	
What subject(s) are you studying and at what level?	e.g. Business – A Level Sports – BTEC

Which Universities have you applied to?	Course Title	Offer Received
		Yes – conditional
		No
		Yes – unconditional

Full and accurate information required. In 'offer received' please put YES or NO and whether this is conditional or unconditional.

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Part 3: Grades

A Levels	Grades Predicted
	As detailed on UCAS application
BTEC subject	Grades Predicted
	As detailed on UCAS application

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AIM: 500-700 WORDS – AND LET THEM GET TO KNOW YOU!

PART 4: Career Aspirations

Please explain why you would like to go to University and what you would like to do for a career after you leave. We appreciate that you may not have made a final decision at this stage, but the Foundation would like to know about your future plans. Explain what courses you have applied for at University, why you are interested in them and why you think you will be suited to these courses. Please explain in as much detail as possible.

Read the guidance given on the application form (seen above)

Remember that your UCAS personal statement will be attached to your application – this application statement should complement it and give them greater insight and NOT be a copy of your UCAS statement

The award is aimed at supporting academic excellence in our region – why do you think they should offer this award to you?

How do you think this award would support you to be successful in your future studies?

Whilst I do not have a concrete idea of the exact career path I would like to follow in the future, I have been thinking a lot about a renewable energy. With this nation and many others shifting quickly towards renewable energy instead of fossil fuels, I have considered the prospect of pursuing a career in the energy sector.

I love learning new things and am really looking forward to having the privilege of being able to study History to degree level as it is such a fascinating subject. I will be the first person in my family to attend University and this award would allow me to continue to strive towards academic excellence. I will certainly look for a part-time job to support myself, but this award would mean that I could spend more time on my studies rather than at work.

In short, this award would put me in the strongest possible place to pursue my aspirations. It would allow me to develop vital language skills and participate fully in the legal community at UCL, helping me to achieve my goals. In sharing my journey with others through social media, I hope that I will be able to inspire others to follow their dreams too.

The stress accompanied by the financial strain of attending university in Central London results in several students looking for a job. However, as a medical student, I expect to have a rigorous timetable complemented by a large workload outside of class, making it near impossible to also juggle a job alongside it. With financial aid from the Connolly Foundation, this strain on me can be eased and allow me to focus on studying in order to achieve the best possible results, ensuring that I unlock my full potential. With this award, I would be able to comfortably study and completely commit to my field of interest for the next few years and reinforce the important actions needed to become a capable, empathetic and dedicated doctor, who is adept at treating her patients with confidence.

I have known that I wanted to study History at university for many years. I am still deciding between becoming a History professor or possibly a Solicitor. After my three-year degree is completed, I would like to either complete a masters degree in History, followed by a PhD, or complete the one-year law conversion course followed by my SQE exam to become a Solicitor, most likely in criminal or family law.



Please give your bank account details:	
Name of Bank:	
Name Account Held In:	
Account Number: <i>(<u>NOT</u> the 16 digit card number)</i>	
Sort Code:	

This is where the award will be paid into in November – ensure accuracy

Printed Full Name:	
Signature:	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	
Email address:	

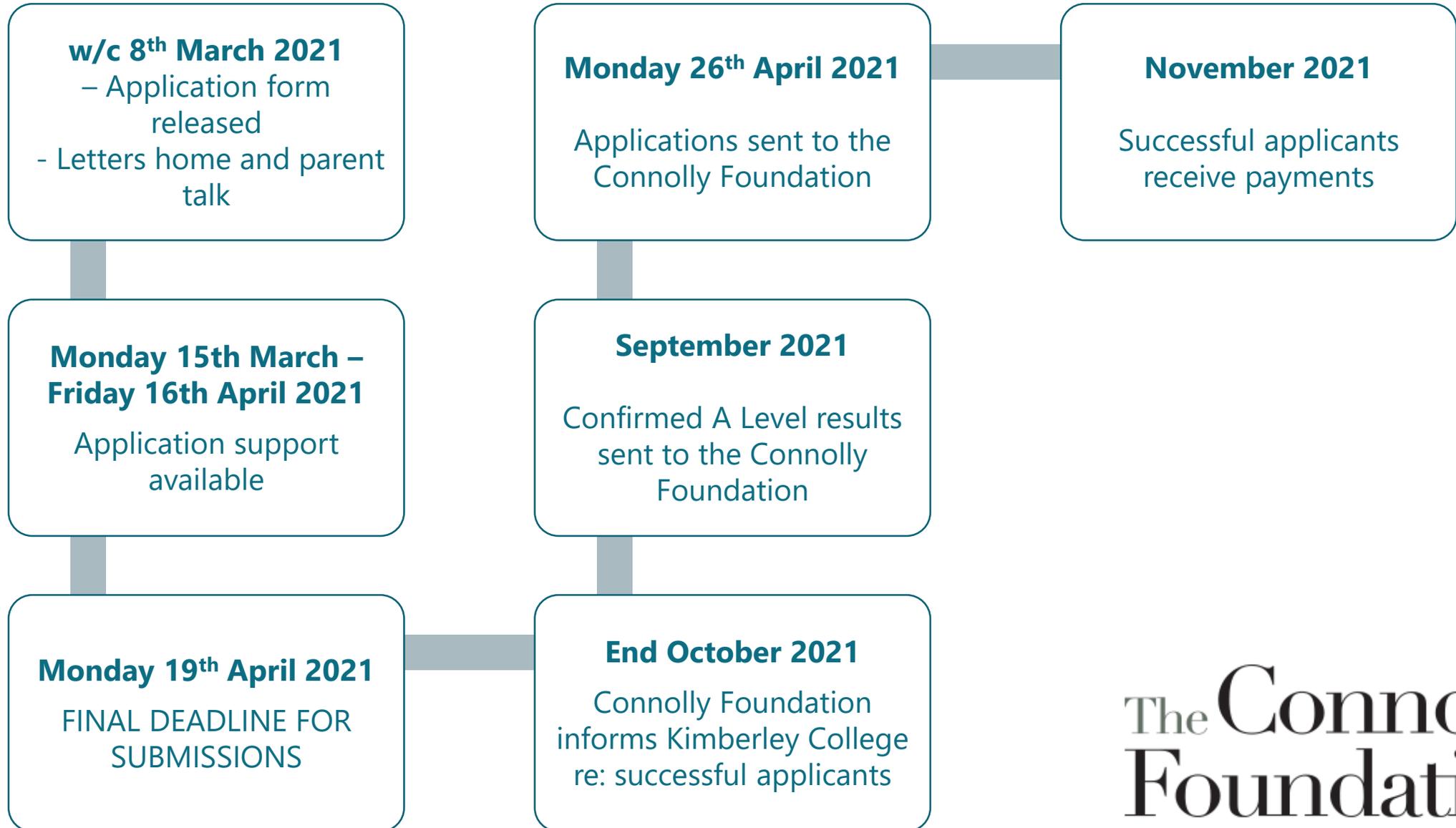
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Who will write my reference?

- Once we have a list of all students who intend to apply we will allocate reference writers
- Mrs Ashby will complete attendance, punctuality and predicted grades (as on UCAS)
- A member of academic teaching staff, linked to the subject you have applied for at University, will complete the academic qualities and personal qualities sections to support your application.
- Your UCAS reference will also be attached in addition to the above

What are the deadlines involved?



Who can I ask for help?

In the first instance Mrs Ashby should be the first person to contact for any questions / help with these processes by email at yashby@wootton.beds.sch.uk

Natalia

Physics with Theoretical Physics

Kings College London



"Receiving the award has already helped build my confidence in my studies; I am now able to work less over the Christmas holidays meaning I can focus on my January exams. I can't put into words how grateful I am and how incredibly kind and generous the Connolly Foundation has been. This whole process couldn't have been any simpler yet the outcome of it has changed my entire year at university."

Max Mechanical Engineering University of Bristol

"I am very thankful to have received this award. It has already proved immensely useful as I have used it to fund a tablet laptop which has helped me in the technical & computer aided design aspects of my course."



Eryk Medicine University of East Anglia

"The Connolly Foundation Award was a huge and pleasant surprise. I am extremely thankful to them as they have allowed me to be financially secure in my first year at university, allowing me to purely focus on my education. The award has also let me to put down a deposit for a house in high demand, that I will use in second year."



What do I need to do now?

All students to complete this form to inform whether they intend to apply:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zILYaDWJ-0i553zSzHpNdRtUOYewiahDrRF6Ur6FVDhURVMzSkZLVVk1QVEzMDRNRzyczNDY1Q1FQVi4u>

All information on the Harper Trust University Bursary and the Connolly Foundation Award will be available on our website from tomorrow.

The links to this information and the recording of this presentation will be sent to you shortly.

ANY
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