

## **The Harpur Trust Undergraduate Bursary Scheme – Criteria and Conditions 2021**

We know there are many able students from lower income families who will be anxious about the financial commitment involved in university study. We hope that our Bursary scheme will help those students to make the most of their academic potential.

The Harpur Trust Bursary Scheme provides eligible students with **£1,200** per year for up to three years, making their full-time degree or Foundation course much more affordable.

Eligible students can apply through directly through the Harpur Trust website using official application form. This can be found under the grants section.

Each school will also have an identified link staff member who is aware of the bursary scheme. This staff member should be able to answer any queries students may have (usually the head of sixth form).

**To qualify for support students must be able to tick ALL of the following boxes:**

- be aged 19 or under on 31 August 2021
- have been resident in the Borough of Bedford for a minimum of two years
- have an offer of a place on a full time undergraduate degree course or full time Foundation degree course at a UK university
- take up their place in the academic year beginning in the autumn immediately after their final term at school or college
- have applied for all available forms of statutory support (student loan for tuition, student loan for maintenance, higher education maintenance grant)
- be UK or EU citizens or refugees who have been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

Students must also meet two or more of the criteria below:

- be from the first generation of their family to attend university
- come from a low income family. For example, nominees will have been eligible for free school meals / receive support from the school or college's 16-19 Bursary Fund. Preference will be given to families with a household income of £25,000 or less.

- are living independently (for example in a Foyer or YMCA)
- have additional financial difficulties as a result of specific family or other exceptional personal circumstances. Full details should be included in Question 8 of the application form.

### **Conditions of Grant**

Successful applicants will be required to

- provide The Harpur Trust, in due course, with evidence that they have taken up a university place as planned
- ensure that The Trust has an on-going and accurate record of their personal contact details and those of their university department
- join Trustees of The Harpur Trust and award winners from other schools and colleges at an annual celebratory reception in early September (dates to be confirmed)
- consent to participate in publicity organised by The Harpur Trust, including the use of photographs of award winners.

The bursary will be paid termly, subject to proof of the student's continued attendance at university.

**Please note: Students who apply to the Connolly Foundation cannot apply for a Harpur Trust bursary award too.** Students found to have applied for both schemes will have their application returned.