

CHARITABLE TRUSTS – EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR PRISONERS

A background to Charitable Trusts

Grant-making Trusts give large amounts of money each year to charities and individuals. Each charitable trust is bound by its Trust Deed which sets out, amongst other things, the charity's area of benefit and, in general terms, who it should help. The Trustees of a charitable Trust are powerless to help anyone who falls outside the terms of the Trust Deed. Furthermore, Trustees can, within the often general terms of their trust deed, draw up their own criteria as to who and how they will help. No two Trusts are the same and sometimes little information is available about them or their criteria for grant making. However, the following basic guidelines may be useful:

- Time scales – some Trustees meet regularly, for instance every month to allocate their budget. However others may only have meetings once a year. It is important to plan ahead and give yourself enough time as the application process could take many months.
- Other Trusts – to increase your chances of obtaining a grant you are advised to apply to several Trusts, and some Trusts will only process your application if you have applied to others for assistance.
- Endorsement – most of the Trusts you apply to will ask for a letter from the Governor, Prison Chaplain, education officer or probation officer confirming your application, details about the course and the cost. Cheques will usually be made payable to the education department or probation.

As a rough guideline you should provide the following information when applying, although all Trusts are different and some will have application forms for you to complete.

You should provide details of :

- the course you intend to take and how it may help you on release.
- The cost of the course and how much you have raised so far and from whom.
- Other Trusts and Foundations you have approached
- Other courses you have attended since you have been in prison
- Your work experience, education and trade qualifications
- Approximate date of release

The following list details Trusts we have identified who are interested in giving grants to prisoners for educational purposes.

When writing to a Trust or Foundation it is advisable to keep your letter as short as possible whilst still including all the relevant information. Two sides of A4 is usually sufficient. The first two paragraphs should be used to outline the main aims and the

purpose of your application. As you will see most Trusts listed below have a contact name. It is advisable to address all correspondence to this particular person rather than writing "Dear Sir/Madam". This will impress upon the Trust that you have done some 'homework' about the organization. One further point, which may be important to note, is that many Trusts prefer the direct approach, i.e. do not be afraid of asking for a specific (but realistic) sum of money.

THE ALDO TRUST

The Aldo Trust makes small grants, usually up to £10 to serving prisoners for things such as cell hobbies, books and education as well as for toiletries and temporary release.

Annie Smith
The Aldo Trust
c/o NACRO
169 Clapham Road
London
SW9 0PU

NANCY BALFOUR TRUST

Grants seldom exceed £1-200 and they are usually given for materials or to cover fares to training centres. The Trust is particularly sympathetic to requests that will further training in fine arts or crafts. Applications should be by post and a stamped addressed envelope is required should you want acknowledgement.

S.G. Kemp
Messrs Sayers Butterworth
The Nancy Balfour Trust
18 Bentinck Street
London
W1M 5RL

BURNBAKE TRUST

The Burnbake Trust holds 12-15 exhibitions a year of artwork from prisons with the artists receiving up to 80% of any sale price, less framing costs. Prisoners wishing to submit their work under this scheme should contact the address below. The Trust may also be able to provide a small package of art material to new artists, funds allowing.

The Trust now loans instruments to prison education departments.

The Burnbake Trust
P.O Box 1839
Bournemouth
BH9 2ZQ

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION

The Foundation states that to qualify for consideration applicants must be:

-in genuine financial need

-under 25 years of age

- live within (or come from) the area covered by the London Boroughs of:

Camden

City of London

Greenwich

Hackney

Hammersmith and Fulham

Islington

Kensington and Chelsea

Lambeth

Lewisham

Newham

Southwark

Tower Hamlets

Wandsworth

Westminster

- have lived in this area for at least three years for purposes other than study.

A guidance sheet is available from the Trust about their criteria for making grants and how to apply. When writing you need to concisely set out your needs or proposals. The Trust decides who to give a grant to at quarterly intervals.

Michael Sparks

Sir John Cass's Foundation

The Clerk to the Governors

31 Jewry Street

London

EC3N 2EY

THE FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

They provide support for prisoners' education.

The Family Welfare Association

501-505 Kingsland Road

London

E8 4AU

PRISONERS' EDUCATION TRUST

Grants are available in selected prisons for men and women so long as:

1. their application is supported by the prison's education department
2. they have a reasonable chance of completing the course before they complete their sentence.

The Trust works closely with prison education departments and only accepts applications that have their support. Prisons are required to contribute 10% to the total cost of every course for which the Trust makes a grant.

The prisoner completes a simple application form and writes a short letter giving reasons for wanting to take a particular course. The application form is endorsed by the education department and sent to the Trust.

Trustees meet monthly to consider applications. The results are usually sent to the prison within 10 days of that meeting. The Trust orders the courses and invoices prisons for their contribution on a quarterly basis.

Prisoners may apply for vocational and academic courses and for art materials.

It is best to check whether the prison is in the scheme before applying.

The Trust works with the following prisons:

(f) denotes Women's Prison

1. Acklington	31. Foston Hall (f)	61. Pentonville
2. Albany	32. Frankland	62. Prescoed
3. Ashwell	33. Full Sutton	63. Preston
4. Askham Grange(f)	34. Garth	64. Ranby
5. Belmarsh	35. Gartree	65. Risley
6. Birmingham	36. Grendon	66. Rochester
7. Blakenhurst	37. Guys Marsh	67. Rye Hill
8. Blantyre House	38. Haverigg	68. Send (f)
9. Blundeston	39. Highdown	69. Shepton Mallet
10. Bristol	40. Holloway (f)	70. Spring Hill
11. Brixton	41. Kingston	71. Stafford
12. Brockhill (f)	42. Kirklevington	72. Stocken
13. Buckley Hall	Grange	73. Styal (f)
14. Bullingdon	43. Latchmere House	74. Sudbury
15. Bullwood Hall	44. Leeds	75. Swaleside

16. Cardiff	45. Leicester	76. Usk
17. Channings Wood	46. Lewes	77. The Verne
18. Cookham Wood (f)	47. Leyhill	78. Wakefield
19. Coldingley	48. Littlehey	79. Wandsworth
20. Dartmoor	49. Liverpool	80. Wayland
21. Downview (f)	50. Long Lartin	81. Wealstun
22. Drake Hall (f)	51. Low Newton	82. Wellingborough
23. Durham	52. Lowdham Grange	83. Whatton
24. East Sutton Park (f)	53. Maidstone	84. Whitemoor
25. Eastwood Park (f)	54. Manchester	85. Wormwood Scrubs
26. Elmley	55. Moorland	86. Wymott
27. Erlestoke	56. The Mount	
28. Featherstone	57. Norwich	
29. Feltham	58. Nottingham	
30. Ford	59. Parc	
	60. Parkhurst	

Prisoners' Education Trust
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Wandle House
Riverside Drive
Mitcham
Surrey
CR4 4SU

ROYAL LONDON AID SOCIETY

The objects of the Society are as follows:

“The prevention of crime and delinquency by assisting persons of any age who have fallen or are at risk of falling into crime to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities and grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and to improve their conditions of life.

The after care of all such persons and their families and dependants who are referred as ‘eligible persons’. ‘Aftercare’ in this and all references is to be interpreted as the relief of poverty, the relief of sickness and the advancement of education and training.

To carry out, further and promote study and research into all aspects of criminology and the methods of prevention of crime and delinquency and to publish the useful results of all such study and research.”

Consideration to applications will be given each quarter, i.e. March, June, September, December.

All applications for grants to individuals of £400 or more, must be supported by an undertaking that, if the application is successful, a follow-up report will be submitted to the Society within six months of the award.

The Correspondent
Royal London Aid Society
84 Upney Lane
Barking
Essex
IG11 9LR

JILL FRANKLIN TRUST

This Trust needs to know the following before they can consider your application:

1. Can you tell me what other organizations you have approached for money, and how they have responded? (Please list them all)
2. Can you tell me what other courses you have attended since you have been in prison, and what the results have been?
3. What is your work experience, and what educational and trade qualifications do you have?
4. To what career will this course lead, and to what nationally recognized qualification does it lead?
5. What experience do you have in this field?
6. What are your plans for resettlement after your release, and how does this course fit in with them?
7. What organization is putting on the course? (Name, address, phone number)
8. When does the course start?
9. Can you give me details of the books you need? (author, title, publisher, ISBN)
We only reckon to provide set, not recommended texts. If the books are provided it will be on the basis that they are the property of the Prison education department, and may be used by other prisoners doing a similar course.
10. What is your expected release date?
11. How much money can you contribute? We would expect some contribution from your prison pay.
12. How much can the prison contribute? We would expect them to contribute at least 10% of the cost.

13. We require an endorsement our your request from your Personal Officer and the Education Officer.

This trust does not make grants of more than £200 per application (one application per year), and so you will have to get a promise of additional funding from other trusts before we can pay any grant that we might make. We only give grants for courses of some months' duration.

We do not make grants for education or training for prisoners after release.

Other trust who may be able to help:

HARDMAN TRUST (for those doing more than 10 years)

PO Box 24
Ryde
Isle of Wight
PO33 2YP

SALVATION ARMY

101 Newington Causeway
London
WE1 6BN

SWAN MOUNTAIN TRUST

7 Mount Vernon
London
NW3 6QS

PAUL STEPHENSON MEMORIAL TRUST

C/o Mason Collins Solicitors
8/10 Cricket Green
Mitcham
Surrey
CR4 4LA

WOMEN IN PRISON

WIP run an Educational Training Connection programme, visiting all the women's prisons except HMP Downview and HMP Buckley Hall. They offer advice and funding for educational courses and continue support after release.

3b Aberdeen Studios
22 Highbury Grove
London
N5 2EA

THE PRINCES TRUST

The Princes Trust will only help those prisoners aged 25 and under. They will fund short courses i.e. 1-2 months rather than longer courses. Write directly to your local committee whose address can be found under "The Prince's Trust" in your local telephone directory. Alternatively, you can obtain a list of the local groups from the Head Office at the address below. A representative of the local committee will contact/visit you to discuss your application.

Graham Watson
Director of Finances & Support Services
The Princes Trust
8 Bedford Row
London
WC1R 4BA

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS ADVISORY SERVICE

This service provides advice and guidance on sources of funding for education but they do not make grants themselves.

Ayo Grillo
501-505 Kingsland Road
Dalston
London
E8 4AU

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF OFFENDERS

This organization provides grants of up to £100 for individuals to support resettlement, education and 'back to work' plans. Any application that is made must be supported by a professional.

Roger Russell
28 North End Road
Steeple Clayton
Bucks

MK18 2PG

FRANK LONGFORD CHARITABLE TRUST

This provides financial support to ex-prisoners who are in further and higher education. A very limited number of scholarships are given each year.

Peter Stanford
42 Callcott Road
London
NW6 7EA