



# Okehampton United Charities

*Funding for the Community*

## **Scholarships and Bursaries Academic Year 2021/2022**

### **Policy for post 16 – 24 educational course grants**

The general policy is to provide grants to support individuals participating in higher, vocational and further education. Applications will be considered for assistance with the cost of participating in full time / part time / day release / and correspondence courses relating to employment or education.

### **Scholarships of £750 per annum**

Applications will be considered for individuals attending university or higher education college for a level 4 (FHEQ) or above, qualification.

### **Bursaries of £450 or £600 per annum**

Bursaries are to assist individuals with the costs of course fees, equipment, tools, clothing, books and travelling to pursue education or training courses relating to the preparation for a profession, trade, employment or for entry to higher education.

Applications will be considered for individuals participating in vocational training, further education, professional or apprenticeship training.

£450 bursaries will only be made for full-time\* courses where no equivalent course is available at Okehampton College or if the applicant can demonstrate a particular reason for wanting to take that course elsewhere.

£600 Bursaries will be made for courses associated with an apprenticeship and/or professional work-based training eg plumbing, electrical, legal and accountancy. Courses must be related to either a NQF or QCF accredited qualification.

Applications from individuals starting work in a trade or employment which will lead to qualifications but is unrelated to a credited apprenticeship will also be considered where there is need of financial assistance with books clothing tools or transport.

### **Conditions for Scholarships and Bursaries;**

- Applicants must normally be resident in the area of benefit for 12 months prior to the date of application and evidence of residential address must be provided.
- Applications will only be accepted for consideration during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December for Scholarships and full-time Bursaries.
- Applications will be accepted throughout the year for apprenticeships and work-based bursaries.
- Annual proof of participation on a course will be a pre-requisite for both scholarships and bursaries.
- Only one scholarship or bursary will be awarded per individual per academic year and will be limited to an inclusive maximum of five years for both awards. Trustees may consider additional years for exceptional circumstances.
- Applications will not be considered from persons who are receiving full financial support from other bodies.

\*full-time means a minimum of 12 hours supervised tuition per week for a full academic year.

Trustees may consider one off educational courses on an individual basis.

**Agreed by Trustees 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**