



## **EWELME FINANCIAL AWARDS ( EFAs)**

The Governors of the Ewelme Exhibition Endowment are able to make financial awards to sons and daughters of parents resident in the historic Counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire or Oxfordshire and in the vicinities of Ramridge in Hampshire and Conock in Wiltshire. They do so in order to improve opportunities for young people to access excellence in secondary education.

The Governors will assess every application on its merits. They wish to ensure that their limited charitable funds are used to support children who could not otherwise enjoy the opportunities they deserve.

### **BURSARIES**

Bursaries are normally tenable from first entry to secondary education at age 11 or 13 until completion of GCSEs and, subject to reapplication, may be continued through sixth form studies. They currently range from £2,400 to a maximum £5,000 per year. As a rule, the Governors are unlikely to consider cases where combined family income is over £75,000 per year and they will take into consideration the ability of the family to improve its own financial position or earning power. They will, however, be guided by compassionate or other pertinent considerations. Any award will be subject to satisfactory reports as to conduct and progress and will be reviewed yearly.

Bursaries are offered for exceptional talent, specific educational needs or those facing sudden and unforeseen financial crises or bereavement. Some awards are aimed towards gifted young people unable to consider an independent school education without substantial financial support and a number of these are made every year in partnership with schools already willing to make a substantial contribution to the fees. These awards are normally made on first entry to secondary education but later applications are considered in cases where the parents are suffering unforeseen hardship, jeopardising the continued education of their children.

Bursaries may also be awarded for children, whether at state or fee paying schools, when those children have proven abilities (for example musical or sporting talents), the pursuit of which is placing a strain on the parents' financial resources. Travel, school trip expenses and uniform costs may also be considered and will be discussed with parents during interviews.

The Bursary application form can be downloaded from the "Applying for an award" page of the website. Parents are required to declare on the form the household's financial resources, the value of any financial assistance, if any, from the school or other sources, the total fees payable in respect of the applicant's child and the name of the school which has accepted the child. A testimonial of character and educational achievement from the Head of the school which the child has attended for the last two years is required to be **sent direct by the Headteacher**. The application should also be accompanied by a brief covering letter explaining the reasons and need for applying, and must be returned no later than **30 November preceding entry in the following September**. The Governors will interview a selected number of candidates in the following February or March.

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## **GRANTS**

The Governors will consider applications for Grants from young people aged between 11 and 24 who meet the residency requirements (see above). Applications may be made at any time but will only be considered at Governors' meetings held in late **January, April, July and October if received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of those months.**

Grants can be provided towards costs arising for vocational training, apprenticeships and the development of skills; adventurous and sports training; extra-mural activities associated with a university course and for extra tuition and master classes for subjects in secondary and in tertiary education. Grants can include funding for travel to and from school, college or place of instruction, specialist tools and for equipment and instruments for academic subjects, art, music and sports. Grants normally range from £250 - £1,500 but every application is assessed on its merits.

The Grants application form can be downloaded from the "Applying for an award" page of the website. Applicants are required to give details of the activity or course for which the funding is required and details of fund-raising and other sources of funding anticipated or applied for. Parents of applicants will be required to declare their family finances. Applications for equipment, special clothing, tools, books or instruments must include estimates of costs.

A short covering letter written by the applicant, giving details of the purpose of the activity or course and fund-raising arrangements should be submitted with the application. A brief supporting testimonial or reference by a course teacher, tutor or supervisor is also required to provide an opinion of need and to confirm evidence of costs and necessity of equipment or clothing included in the application.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.