

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet (Finance) Sub Committee

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION - A.THOMAS

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected – All Wards

Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund

Purpose of Report

To approve applications for financial support from the Education Trust Fund.

Executive Summary

Since Local Government reorganisation, responsibility for the Trust Fund has fallen to Neath Port Talbot as the largest authority, in terms of acreage, in the area of the former County of Glamorgan.

It is the officer recommendation that Members approve the payment of funds to the eligible applicants.

For the 2019/2020 academic year it is estimated that some £31500.00 is available from the income of the Trust Fund of which some £12381.50 is committed expenditure during the 2019/2020 academic year for continuing award holders, leaving some £19118.50 available for new awards.

This sum is to be divided between 5 full-time applicants, 1 part-time applicants and 2 requests for assistance towards tools. The allocation of monies up to the maximum of £5350.00 for 5 full-time students (appendix

B), a maximum of £2082.00 for 1 part-time students (appendix C) and £766.50 for 2 tool applications (appendix D)

Such allocation would be in line with the division of monies between full-time and part-time as in previous years, although the amount awarded varies annually.

Background

This is the twenty second year for Neath Port Talbot to administer the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund.

Income from the Trust Fund is intended to benefit:

- (a) those attending approved courses not provided for under the normal awards scheme, including professional and technical courses; and
- (b) towards the purchase of outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books for those leaving school or college to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling.

The Objects and Rules of the Trust Fund are attached at appendix A. To qualify, applicants must have attended, for not less than two years, a secondary school in the area of the former County of Glamorgan, including Howells School, Cardiff but excluding schools which were in the areas of the former County Boroughs of Cardiff, Swansea and Merthyr Tydfil.

Application for Awards from the Trust Fund 2019/2020

In accordance with the Objects of the Trust Fund, an advertisement was placed in the press inviting applications for awards from the Trust Fund and copies of the advertisement were circulated to head teachers of secondary schools and principals of colleges and universities in the area covered by the Trust Fund. 12 applications were received of which 3 were not eligible to apply and 1 cancelled the application. The total eligible applications for consideration are 8, of which all were received on or before the closing date of 31st May 2019. The number of applications received was less than in previous years. The objects of the Trust prevent applicants who receive funding from another source applying. The introduction of Student Loans by Welsh Government for post graduate

study has reduced the amount of applicants eligible for funding from the Trust Fund.

Details of the eligible applications received by the due deadline are shown in appendices B, C and D.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact directly in respect of the Local Authority.

Equality Impact Assessment

An equality impact assessment has been carried out and found that there is no adverse effect on any protected group and the process has checks and monitoring in place.

The equality impact assessment is attached to this report as appendix E.

Workforce Impact

The current staffing complement associated with this function will be maintained and there will be no change to the staffing arrangements.

Legal Impacts

Since Local government reorganisation, responsibility for the Trust Fund has fallen to Neath Port Talbot

Risk Management

There is a requirement placed on the Council to administer the Trust Fund.

Recommendations

To approve those applications for awards as detailed in appendices B, C and D of the private circulated report, made out of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund for the academic year 2019/2020 to eligible applications received on or before the closing date.

The allocation of monies up to the maximum of £5350.00 for 5 full-time students (appendix B), a maximum of £2082.00 for 1 part-time students (appendix C) and £766.50 for 2 tool applications (appendix D)

To authorise payments to those applicants for whom continuing support from the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund has already been approved.

Reasons for the Proposed Decision

To provide appropriate financial support for students who would otherwise suffer hardship.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendix:

Appendix A Objects and Rules of the Education Trust Fund
Appendix B Full-time Applicants
Appendix C Part-time Applicants
Appendix D Tools

List of Back ground Papers

Objects of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund (Revised 4th May 1993)
Application Forms

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APPENDIX A

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot

GLAMORGAN FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST FUND (REVISED 4th May 1993)

Objects of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund

The Fund is intended to benefit:

- (i) pupils who have for not less than two years at any time attended a County Secondary School in the area of the former Administrative County of Glamorgan or Howell's Glamorgan County School, Cardiff, providing that candidates who have attended Howell's Glamorgan County School have been resident for not less than two years while a pupil at the school, in the former Administrative County of Glamorgan;
- (ii) girl pupils who, in addition, have for not than two years at any time attended any maintained Primary School in the Parishes of Llantrisant, Pontypridd, Pentyrch, Llanfabon, Llantwit Fardre, Eglwysilan and former Ynysybwl Ward of the former Mountain Ash Urban District with a preference for such girls who while in attendance at any such school were resident in the Parish of Eglwysilan.

The Fund is to be applied with the following objects in the case of pupils falling within categories (i) and (ii) above.

- a) Grants tenable at any educational institution for teachers, university or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education, approved by the Council, to be awarded under rules made by the Council, including rules as to the value and period of tenure of the exhibitions, and the qualifications and method of ascertainment and selection of candidates;

And with the following additional objects in the case of pupils falling within category (I) above only:-

- b) Financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to enable beneficiaries on leaving school, university or other educational establishments, to prepare for, or to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling.

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Rules of the Fund

(Approved by the Education Committee of the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council pursuant to a Scheme established by the Minister of Education on 31st October 1951).

- (i) The closing date for the receipt of applications for each academic year shall be 31st May preceding the commencement of the academic year.
- (ii) Advertisements to be placed in newspapers circulating within the area of the former Administrative County of Glamorgan. In addition, copies of the advertisement to be circulated to every County secondary school and college within the former Administrative County of Glamorgan.
- (iii) Applications for awards falling within the objects of the Trust shall be considered by a special Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund Sub-Committee.
- (iv) Awards may cover all or part of an applicant's fees, travelling costs and maintenance, although in respect of maintenance regard will be paid to the prevailing rate of mandatory grant/D. F.E.S. grant.
- (v) (a) Awards will not be made in respect of courses for which the applicant will
either:-

be exempted from payment of tuition fees; or be on secondment; or be in receipt of a mandatory award; or be in receipt of a discretionary award; or be precluded from receiving such an award only by financial circumstances; or be in receipt of an award of bursary from a Research Council, Government Department, the British Academy or any other relevant body.

Unless there are exceptional or unusual circumstances relevant to the application.

- (b) Awards may be made where the applicant will receive financial assistance from other sources provided that the amount of the award together with such other assistance shall not exceed the amount of any award which would have been made out of public funds had the applicant been eligible.

- (vi) Awards which are subject to satisfactory progress will not normally be tenable for more than three years in total.

- (vii) The annual income available for distribution during each academic year shall be the income accrued up to 31st March of the preceding financial year which shall be distributed during the following academic year providing that applications of sufficient merit are received to make such a distribution possible.

- (viii) The accrued income balances may be used to supplement the annual income when that income proves insufficient to provide awards for all those applicants regarded as deserving of awards in any academic year.

- (ix) There will be no assessment of the means of either the applicant or the applicant's parents in the determination of the value of an award.

- (x) The Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund Sub-Committee may interview any applicant for an award in order to assess the suitability of the applicant or the purpose in connection with which the award is sought.

- (xi) Each applicant shall provide such further information in writing as may be required to determine an application for an award save that no information shall be sought on any of the matters referred to in rule (ix) of these Rules.
- (xii) Each applicant shall provide the names of two persons who are prepared to provide references as to the character of the applicant.
- (xiii) Each successful applicant shall furnish the Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning with a report at the end of each academic year or upon completion of the purpose for which the award was made, if sooner, giving an account of the implementation of the work in respect of which the award was made.
- (xiv) In the event of a successful applicant failing to complete the course of study or other purpose in connection with which an award has been made, the successful applicant may be required to repay all or part of the value of any award.

A REGISTERED CHARITY

Appendix B – Full Time Students

	Candidate	Qualifications	Purpose for which required	Approx. amount requested	Remarks	Amount recommended £
1	E.B	BA Anthropology	Harvard University 2 Year Course Master Design Engineering	£10000.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£5000.00
2	K.D.	GSCE	A Levels 2 Year Course Hartpury College	£5000.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£2500.00
3	E.E	GSCE	A LEVELS 2 Year Course Hartpury College	£5000.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£2500.00
4	S.E	GSCE	A Levels 2 Year Course Cardiff 6thForm College College	£10700.00	LA Precluded from providing assistance	£5350.00
5	J.T	GSCE	Extended Diploma Performance and Excellence 2 Year Course	£1000.00	No funding available from LA	£500.00

Appendix C–Part Time

	Candidate	Qualifications	Purpose for which required	Approx. amount Requested	Remarks	Amount recommended £
1	E.J	MA English	PHD English Literature 2 Year Course(Final) Cardiff University	£4,164.00	No funding available from LA	£2082.00

Appendix D–Tools

	Candidate	Qualifications	Purpose for which required	Approx. amount Requested	Remarks	Amount recommended £
1	R.W	GCSE	National Choir of Wales	£550.00	No funding available from LA	£275.00
2	C.D	GSCE	Carpentry and Joinery - Tools 3 Years Neath Port Talbot College	£983.00	No funding available from LA	£491.50

