

# Hampshire Old Industrial and Reformatory Schools Trust (HOIRST) Fund

## A guide for applicants

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Trust Fund was formed from the amalgamation of the Waterloo Old Industrial School Fund and the Hampshire Reformatory School Fund. Both funds originated in the 1920s and were amalgamated with the approval of the Charity Commissioners on 23 August 1978.
- 1.2 Hampshire County Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Charity.
- 1.3 The body of Managing Trustees normally consists of five persons (elected County Councillors) appointed by the Social Services Committee of Hampshire County Council.

### 2. Meetings

- 2.1 The Managing Trustees must hold at least two Ordinary meetings per year. The first of these, the AGM, being September and a further meeting in February.
- 2.2 At the first Ordinary meeting of each year the Managing Trustees elect a Chairman for that year. The Chairman is eligible for re-election.
- 2.3 Special meetings may be convened at any time by the Chairman and two of the five Managing Trustees.
- 2.4 A quorum consists of three Managing Trustees.
- 2.5 Every matter shall be determined by the majority of votes, with the Chairman having a casting vote if votes cast are equal.

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

- 3.1 The Trust Fund was set up to support the development of young people under 25 years who had been in the care of Hampshire County Council by facilitating further education, higher education, internships, apprenticeships and employment. This now includes young people who had been accommodated or looked after under the Children Act 1989.
- 3.2 Career development signifies a form of education or training which leads to a qualification in the young person's chosen career.

- 3.3 A firm offer of a place in education, training or employment should be held.
- 3.4 A young person who has obtained the qualification needed to further his/her chosen career may also be eligible for financial assistance, where this is necessary to find appropriate employment.

#### 4. **Applications**

- 4.1 Consideration will be given to those who qualify under the age criteria, have been in the care system and can demonstrate that they:
- have a place on a course leading to a nationally recognised qualification relevant to their chosen career; and / or
  - have a place on a course that will lead to a specialism relevant to the chosen career or help gain entry to a course leading to a nationally recognised qualification; and / or
  - are finding it difficult to access other sources of funding, or have found funds but need a top up to meet their needs; and / or
  - have uniform costs or other costs associated with the course that need to be met (clothing/shoes/tools/special equipment).

Applicants will need to declare all other sources of funding applied for in their application.

- 4.2 Driving lessons may be supported if the young person has sufficient qualifications to obtain work and can demonstrate that the use of a vehicle is essential for that purpose. The applicant must give the reason public transport is not viable.
- 4.3 Public transport costs may be supported if the applicant can demonstrate the purchase of a rail card or other subsidised travel schemes.
- 4.4 HOIRST will fund up to £500 of an individual's costs except in exceptional circumstances where the Trustees may award a higher amount.
- 4.5 Examples of recent grants awarded include:
- £170 towards college books and weatherproof clothing
  - £200 towards books for a degree course
  - £280 towards driving lessons for a person living in a rural area
  - £500 towards art materials for an A Level Course
  - £500 towards cost of a computer and software.