

Skills & Education Group Learner Grant

The Skills and Education Group Foundation are thrilled to announce that they will be launching their Learner Grant entitling applicants to up to £1,000 to support with costs associated with education.

For individuals who demonstrate financial need and show how funding will benefit their studies, grants can be used to pay for things like:

- Electronic equipment that aids learning (e.g. laptops, tablet devices)
- Course tools (e.g. catering equipment, hair and beauty equipment, IT software, etc.)
- Course textbooks
- PPE or appropriate workwear
- Debt management (e.g. utilities, internet etc.)
- Cost of living support (e.g. travel costs, food, etc.)
- Physical and mental health (e.g. counselling, eye tests, gym memberships)
- Childcare or wider family costs
- Tuition fees or educational trips

A successful application should include the below details:

Outlining barriers and challenges you face

It's important that we understand **how receiving funding would help you to overcome the barriers you face and move forward in your education and employment journey**. Be detailed and specific, and make sure that the barriers relate to education and employment.

Explaining what you will do with the Learner Grant

You will need to say what you will do with funding. Identify purchases you will make, but please clearly explain how these connect to your course, will benefit your education, and will address some of the challenges you face (question 5). **Do not just provide a list of the things you want.**

Providing detailed information

We need to understand how our support will help you. To do this, we need as much information as possible, and it must be specific.

Weak response: I need £800 for a laptop and software.

Strong response: I will spend £800 of this grant on the purchase of a high-spec laptop and college- and workplace-grade music production software. I will then be able to continue my studies at home and over the holidays. This will mean that I have to travel to college less to take advantage of their facilities, meaning that I can save money, time and cut down on my personal stress. All whilst learning independently and developing my skills.

Getting a statement from staff at your learning provider

Successful applicants provide a supporting statement from staff. We strongly advise that you submit a staff supporting statement with your application, otherwise your grant application will not proceed beyond the first stage.

Learner Grant Application Form - [Click Here](#)

Grant Application Endorsement - [Click Here](#)

Form Applications must be sent to: foundation@skillsedugroup.co.uk

Wave 1:

- Grant opening: 1 February 2024
- Grant closing: 28 March 2024

Wave 2:

- Grant opening: 22 April 2024
- Grant closing: 14 June 2024

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