

The Mayor of Halton Fund, The Halton Foundation

Background Information:

The Mayor of Halton, Cllr Kevan Wainwright, and his wife Andrea, are fundraising to remove barriers for young people from Halton in pursuing their education, and training and thereby supporting the future talent of the borough. The Mayor wishes to support and encourage aspirations and open opportunities for young people by providing education and training bursaries.

The fund is delivered by the Halton Foundation, established in 2016. The Halton Foundation is a partnership led by Halton Chamber of Commerce, Halton Borough Council and Halton and St Helen's Voluntary and Community Action (VCA). The Halton Foundation's grant making arm is administered by the Community Foundation for Merseyside.

What is the focus of the fund:

The fund supports the advancement of education for young people aged 18 -25 years from Halton, who are from vulnerable families or are care leavers, or for young people who have a disability or learning difficulty.

What can be funded:

Educational courses and training, materials, books, term-time bus/train-pass, interview wear (limited fund).

How much is available:

Up to £500, subject to available funds – maximum £100 for interview wear.

Which areas are covered:

Applicants must either be based in Halton permanently or provide evidence that you live in Halton when not studying i.e. outside of university term-time.

Confirmation or circumstances:

Grants are targeted towards vulnerable young people, and/or those from low-income families. We ask you to provide evidence of your circumstances, such as the below examples:

- Proof of benefits letter that you are in receipt of Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance.

- Evidence that young person is recognised as having Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), for example from a school or college.
- Proof of benefits letter that you, or your Parent(s) or Guardian(s), are in receipt of an income related benefit such as, Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit. The Parent or Guardian should be living at the same address as the young person.
- For Care Leavers, a letter or email of support from your Personal Advisor.

Additional documents to be included with your application:

1. Proof of residence in Halton – e.g. utility bill / bank statement / driving license
2. ID confirming under 25 e.g. driving license / passport
3. A copy of a recent bank statement. If you do not have your own bank account, we can accept the name, address, and bank statement from a Parent or Guardian, who has a bank account and is willing to receive payment on your behalf.
4. A letter of acceptance/support from one of the following:
 - University
 - Higher Education establishment
 - College
 - Education Provider
 - Course Provider
 - Sports Institution

Funding Exclusion:

The fund cannot consider grants for expenditure outside of the UK, such as for international study or trips abroad.

How to apply?

Please visit the Community Foundations for Lancashire and Merseyside's website - www.cfmerseyside.org.uk and complete an application form. Once you have completed the form you need to send in the following documents within 7 days or your application will be withdrawn.

What happens next?

Completed applications are considered by Community Foundation staff to check eligibility. You may be contacted for more information after applying and a decision-making panel will make recommendations based on the fund's criteria and the budget available.

We will aim to communicate decisions within a reasonable timeframe, however, please note that it could take up to 6 weeks to receive a response.

For further information, please contact a member of the team at:

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