



Winter / Spring 2016

BIG NEWS!!

We have acquired a new grant fund—actually it is an old one, known as the Broad Town Trust, which was started in 1686 by Sarah, the Dowager Duchess of Somerset to support budding apprentices on her farms in the Marlborough area.

We are able to use these funds to support our **Vocational Grants**, in line with our current criteria, but also for 14 and 15 year-olds who have lived in Wiltshire or Swindon for at last 5 years. Grants can be to support vocational courses in school or college; apprenticeships and business start ups up to age 25

See www.odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk and complete the Expression of Interest for a **Vocational Grant**.

Previous Vocational Grants have been awarded to support:-

- ✓ Travel costs for apprentices on the minimum apprenticeship wage
- ✓ Travel for education that supports career progression, such as to the new University Technical Colleges
- ✓ IT, tools and equipment for vocational courses
- ✓ Course fees for specialist courses and institutions, such as performing arts, fashion retail and personal trainer courses

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*Do you work with students looking to go on to Higher Education?
Their main worry is finances.*

I am happy to talk to groups of students; attend parent evenings and brief staff on the availability of our **SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**.

These are awarded to students whose families claim any means-tested benefit and can last for the duration of their degree course.

This time of year I often do assemblies to year 13 students. In the Summer term (or earlier) I am happy to speak to year 12s and attend any parent evenings. Please contact me to arrange.

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Back in July 2015, the High Sheriff for Wiltshire—Lady Sarah Gooch—hosted a garden party and in October a concert in Salisbury Cathedral in support of the One Degree More Scholarship grants. A number of current grantees were able to attend and talk about their experiences and what the grants have meant for them. A total of £20,000 was raised through ticket sales and donations. A big thanks to Lady Gooch and the students—they really stepped up to the mark and did themselves (and us) proud!

It is better to
KNOW HOW TO LEARN
than to know.
-Dr. Seuss

REMEMBER.....

PERSONAL SUPPORT AND

VOCATIONAL GRANTS are now as-

essed on an regular basis, with an expected 6 week decision time, rather than waiting for set quarterly panel dates. This means that we are better able to respond to shorter timescales than our previous process allowed

Please complete an Expression of Interest at www.odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk

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SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS For Autumn 2016 entry to university are now LIVE!!

Find out more and complete an Expression of Interest at

www.odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk

The deadline for completing the Expression of Interest is the end of March 2016.

The panel meet in June and final decisions are made in July.



ABOUT US

Since the One Degree More grants programme was started in 2007 to help young people with their education aims, we have awarded over £855,000 to more than 300 young people aged up to 25:

- ⇒ In the last couple of months 9 children and young people received a grant to support their education from the Personal Support or Vocational grants pots
- ⇒ We are currently processing over 20 applications for Scholarship Grants for university entry

Wiltshire Community Foundation is a grant making charity relying on its donors. It makes a significant contribution to local communities and individuals across Wiltshire and Swindon

ONE DEGREE MORE GRANTS

All our grants have 2 main eligibility criteria, along with addressing an **educational need**—

- **residency requirement**: the last 2 years being resident in Wiltshire County or Swindon Borough areas, and
- **evidence of a financial need**: a means-tested benefit being claimed by the applicant or their parents if living at home, for example working tax credits.

For more information please go to www.odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk

If you have a particular student or situation you want to explore 'in principle', please contact me

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GRANT RECIPIENTS' RESPONSES

*We monitor grants to see that they have had the desired effect.
We also get spontaneous responses when the applicant, their parents/carers or others are notified of the award — it is obvious that it means a lot to them and is a relief*

"The grant has been one of my highlights from last year, as the laptop I bought with it has given me a lot more freedom over where I can revise. As I'm a carer, it means I can finally revise at home when my mum is ill, and will hopefully help me get to Uni this year!" (A level Student)

"I is thoroughly enjoying the sessions (horse riding for disabled). After every session she is very proud of herself so as you can imagine this is helping with her confidence. She loves being able to say 'I can do that by myself' which in many aspects of her day to day life isn't something she feels." (6 year old with physical disabilities and cerebral palsy)

"I can confirm that the grant has been received and this is being used to enable E to access play therapy. The play therapist has commented on the continuing progress E is making in the sessions in terms of reduced anxiety and this is being seen more generally in her demeanour throughout the school. E has begun to speak to her school friends outside of school. We must express our gratitude to Wiltshire Community Foundation for making these further play therapy sessions available." (7 year old selective mute)

"W is due to start at an alternative education provision. It will be much more appropriate. The timing of the laptop could not have been better in terms of supporting W to be more independent with his learning and continuity of education." (15 year old with ASD)

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where people need it most

