

BRYAN JONES EDUCATIONAL FUND CRITERIA

The Bryan Jones Educational Fund is funded entirely by voluntary donations. It was set up for the benefit of individuals with sickle Cell Disease and provides help, by offering financial support for people who need help with their education. Under the Constitution of the Society, we are unable to help individuals who live outside the UK or People with Sickle Cell Trait.

1. Eligibility

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- 1.1. Applicants must have a Sickle Cell Disorder, which needs to be confirmed by the applicant, Consultants or Haematologist.
- 1.2. Applicants who have Sickle Cell Trait will NOT be eligible.
- 1.3. An application can only be made by any Sickle Cell Suffers living in the UK .
- 1.4. A successful applicant will not be eligible to make another application WITHIN THREE YEARS of receiving the grant UNLESS there are exceptional needs.
- 1.5. Applicants must be members of the Sickle Cell Society.
(Please contact the Society for details about how to apply for membership)

2. PRIORITY APPLICANTS

- 2.1. Those in receipt of Welfare Benefits
- 2.2. Unsupported individuals
- 2.3. Single person (with dependants (under 16 years old)
- 2.4. Families/individuals on low income

NB: An applicants financial circumstances will be taken into account when considering an application, irrespective of employment status.

3. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING AN APPPLICATION

3.1. Applications will be considered from one of the following referral agencies:

- (1) Health Visitors
- (2) Sickle Cell Counsellors/
- (3) Hospital Social workers
- (4) Community Social Workers
- (5) Sickle Cell Society Regional Care Advisors and Support Groups
- (6) GPs/Practice Nurse

3.2. Applications should ONLY be completed by one of the above and forwarded to the Sickle Cell Society with the following documentation:

3.2.1. Proof of Sickle Cell Status

3.2.2. Pro forma verifying cost of item (Where appropriate)

3.2.3. Letter supporting application from the referral agent.

3.3. All applications will be considered by The Society's Welfare Sub-Committee. Their decision will be notified to you within 30 days of receipt of the application.

3.4. Applicants are required to obtain a minimum of two competitive quotes for the tuition required.

3.5. Where the amount awarded to the applicant does not meet the full cost of the tuition, the applicant will be expected to submit a letter stating how the shortfall will be met.

3.6. Any grant awarded will be paid by cheque. The cheque will be made payable to the tutor/tuition centre or to the referral agent.

6. TUITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Please provide as much background information as possible in the notes section of the application form, with full cost details.

7. APPEALING AGAINST A DECISION

7.1. Any appeals against a decision made by the sub-welfare committee should be sent in writing to the Chairperson of the Society, within 21 days. The appeal should state in full the reasons why the application should be re-considered.

7.2 The appeal will be considered by the Welfare committee headed by the Chair-person. Their decision on appeal is final.

7.3 Their decision will be made within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

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