

## How long will it take to get a decision?

All eligible applications are considered by our Board of Governors. The Governors meet four times a year, usually in March, June, October and December. We will contact you in writing as soon as possible after a decision has been made.

## How do I apply?

You will need to complete a short application form and send it to us with copies of all the documents that we ask you for.

Copies of the form can be downloaded from our website - [www.richardreevesfoundation.org.uk](http://www.richardreevesfoundation.org.uk) or you can call us on 020 7726 4230 to request a copy.

## Are you going on to University next year?

## How can I improve my chances of getting a grant?

The Governors want to help students who are committed to their education. They also like to see that you have made every effort to support yourself, for example, through part time work before you apply to the Foundation. If you are unable to work, please tell us why. This might be because you have childcare or caring responsibilities or your status in the UK does not allow you to work.

## When should I apply?

You must have applied for all the financial support available to you such as maintenance and tuition fee loans and grants from your Local Education Authority (LEA). You will also need to apply to your University or College Access to Learning Fund. Once you have made these applications you can apply to the Foundation.

## A guide to educational grants available from Richard Reeve's Foundation

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Richard Reeve's Foundation

*Helping young people stay on course*

Registered charity number: 312504

## What is Richard Reeve's Foundation?

We are an educational charity. We help students from low income backgrounds by giving them non repayable grants to help with their education costs.

## Does it matter which course I am doing?

Yes. Not all courses meet our criteria. If you are studying at a state run university or college and your course will result in a recognised qualification such as a degree, foundation degree, HNC or BTEC then it is likely that the Foundation can help you.

## How often can I apply?

You can make one application each academic year. If you are successful you can only use the grant to pay for the things we have agreed to help you with.

Please note that even if you have received funding before, there is no guarantee that your application will be successful again. This is because grants are made to the neediest students first.

## Am I eligible?

You must be aged under 25 (although in some cases we can help people aged up to 40) **and** either:

you or your parents have lived in the London boroughs of Camden, Islington or City for the last 12 months or 2 out of the last 10 years

**or**

you have been studying at a school or college in one of these boroughs for the last 12 months and be continuing your studies at a college or university based in one of these areas.

If you are not sure if you are eligible please contact us on 020 7726 4230

## What can I get help with?

Our grants help towards the cost of your education. We can make grants for travel costs, books, equipment, some course fees and essential UK based field trips. We cannot fund the purchase of computers.

## How much can I get?

This depends on your individual circumstances and what other types of loans, grants or income you have. Our grants are normally between £150 - £1,000.

## Will I have to pay the money back?

No. The money we give you is a grant not a loan. You will not normally have to pay the money back unless we find out that you gave false information on your application form or you used the money to buy things that we did not agree to.