



Frequently Asked Questions

How many bursaries do you award each year?

Every year the Trust is supporting approximately 80 girls. Many of these will be renewals, but the Trustees will normally agree around 10 new bursaries each year.

What are the deadlines for your application process?

September - November	The Trust opens for applications for bursaries starting at the beginning of the following academic year.
30 November	Deadline for completed application forms to be sent to the Administrator.
End of November and Mid-March	Trustees meet and make awards made for the following academic year
Late March	Families informed of Trustees' decision. Additional information may be requested. Trustees may contact school of the Applicant. Schools notified once the family has accepted the bursary.
September (or August in Scotland) of the following academic year	New awards come into operation

What criteria are used to assess new and existing bursaries?

- The Trust limits support to the fees of girls aged from Year 7 to Year 11, or for Years 12 and 13 with a preference for applicants who have already embarked upon a course of public examinations.
- Priority is given to girls who are vulnerable and whose home circumstances are exceptionally difficult, or who are in care, and those whose need for high levels of pastoral care is greatest.
- The Trust supports girls pursuing academic, as opposed to vocational, education.
- Normally support is restricted to the tuition fee charged by independent day schools and to the accommodation fee in state boarding schools. The Trustees do not generally support the costs of independent boarding schools unless the school has awarded a scholarship and/or bursary worth at least 75% of the costs of the fees.
- The Trust does not support the costs of extras, school trips, public examinations, transport, school lunches or school uniforms.

- The maximum initial means-tested bursary is £6,000 (exc VAT) a year. The size of the bursary varies with the household's income. All families are expected to make a financial contribution towards the costs of their daughter's education.
- The Trust will generally adjust existing bursaries annually to account for changes in circumstances and/or expected inflation.
- The Trust will not support applications where the household income is over £80,000 a year, or where there are assets of over £50,000, excluding the family home.
- Bursaries are reviewed annually by the Trustees, taking account of reports from the school on the bursary holder's performance, attendance, and the financial position of the family.
- Bursaries are not normally awarded if one or both parents are permanently resident outside the UK.
- Bursaries are not awarded to deal with arrears of fees.

Do you award bursaries to boys?

No. The Objects of the NFL Trust is the promotion of girls' education in schools in the United Kingdom by the provision of bursaries to enable girls to attend fee-paying schools, including state boarding schools.

What is the maximum bursary value awarded?

The maximum starting bursary is normally £6,000 (exc VAT) for the year

Do you have an appeals process if my bursary application is declined?

The decision of the Trustees is final and is not subject to appeal.

Who are your Trustees?

Our Board of Trustees are/were professionals in their field and highly experienced. Many have come from education, although we do have a variety of skills which enables the applications to be considered with the broadest of perspectives.

Can I apply to join the Board as a Trustee?

If you wish to find out more about becoming a Trustee, please contact the Administrator on nfltrust@mail.com.