

Beyond Grant-Giving Policy & Eligibility

Are you a care leaver in Sussex looking for some support?

If so, we need to let you know what our grant-giving policy is and the sorts of things that are eligible for our support.

Who We Support

For the purposes of distributing financial grants to care leavers, Beyond follows the legal definition of a care leaver. This is set out by The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 which states that: "a Care Leaver is someone who has been in the care of the Local Authority for a period of 13 weeks or more spanning their 16th Birthday."

We can only provide financial support to those we can verify meet this legal definition. It also provides assurance to our donors that we are helping only the beneficiaries set out in our charitable objects and governing document.

We support care leavers aged between 18 to 30 years old who have been looked after by one of the following local authorities: Brighton and Hove City Council; East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council. At the time of application, you must be resident in one of these local authority areas. [Note: Beyond will be rolling out nationwide as we invite more local authorities to subscribe to our fundraising and grant awarding model].

If you meet these criteria you will be considered an eligible 'beneficiary' of our work. By making this application, you give Beyond permission to use this data to verify your circumstances and to check your eligibility with the relevant local authority where you were in care.

What we can support you with

The trustees have a flexible approach to what we can support you with. However, it is really important that you meet the criteria of an eligible beneficiary. Only then can we consider an application up to the limit of a GBP £1,500 grant per individual.

Please note the following:

- You can only receive one successful grant from us during a three-year period; after which you will be eligible to re-apply.
- You must be aged between 18 and 30-years-old and be ordinarily resident in a subscriber local authority area.

You can apply for a cash grant to contribute towards the following:

- A professional clothing allowance (e.g. a business suit for job-hunting or starting work).
- Driving lessons (car and motorcycles).
- Help with buying a vehicle, bicycle or a travelcard to get to college or work.
- Deposit towards privately rented accommodation.
- Equipment associated with formal study or undertaking an apprenticeship.
- Travel abroad, where you have secured a paid job or a place on a recognised volunteering programme.
- Other items may be eligible for support, if they can demonstrably be found to help you lead a more independent life.

Please note, we cannot provide financial assistance that may be covered by other statutory agencies and benefits services, such as childcare or social security support. Neither can we provide social loans, or any other kind of credit facility.

We provide small one-off grants only.

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