

JOHN WATSON'S TRUST

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The John Watson's Trust has its origins in 1762 in the original bequest by John Watson, Writer to the Signet, of the residue of his Estate for charitable purposes connected with children. Subsequently a refuge or hospital for children was established and administered, and thereafter a School, John Watson's School. The School closed in 1975, the buildings now house the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and the Trust operates its disbursements under the John Watson's Trust Scheme 1984.

Scope of the Trust Scheme:

Under the Trust Scheme the governing body of Trustees apply the free income of the Trust in a variety of ways for the benefit of children and young persons up to 21. Assistance will not continue past the age of 21.

Grants for Children and Young Persons with a Physical or Learning Disability and/or in a Situation of Social Deprivation

Grants for the following purposes are available for children or young persons up to 21 who should preferably be ordinarily resident in or connected with Lothian Region:-

- a) to assist in the provision of private tutors;
- b) to assist with expenses for instruments, tools, personal equipment, travel, books or maintenance costs for those preparing for entrance to a trade or those at a further or higher education institution, who are in a situation of exceptional need;
- c) to assist in the provision of special equipment;
- d) to assist travel either in Great Britain or abroad for any purpose of an educational nature; provided that applicants shall submit to the

- governing body a statement of the purposes for which the journey is to be undertaken, the places to be visited and the probable length of absence from home;
- e) to assist in the participation in a course provided by the Open University for which they have registered or are about to register;
 - f) to assist in the participation in such other activities of an educational, social, cultural or recreational nature which, in the opinion of the governing body, will contribute to the education and advancement in life of the said children or young person.

General Notes

1. The governing body is not authorised to incur expenditure which would in the absence of the Trust be incurred from public funds; nor can the amount of the grants paid to individuals be such as to cause any reduction in any scholarship, bursary or other allowance paid out of public funds.
2. Intending applicants will understand that there are likely to be many more applicants than can receive grants and that many of the types of grants are designed to cover cases of hardship or difficulty. In these circumstances it is necessary to try to identify those cases where the need is greatest. This means that the application forms will ask on a confidential basis for comprehensive information about income.
3. Similarly, names of referees will normally be sought and it is helpful if referees are requested to write directly to the Trust or if their letter(s) are included with the application.
4. If intending applicants have any queries, they should contact the Administrator at John Watson's Trust, The Merchants' Hall, 22 Hanover Street, Edinburgh EH2 2EP (0131-220-1640) and completed application forms should be sent there. There is generally someone available to take calls in the morning or a message can be left at other times.

John Watson's Trust Grant Application for Individuals (F3)

Evidence of income

The statement about finances (p3) is very important and should be filled in with care. It helps us if you can give annual figures but if using weekly or monthly please state this next to the relevant items. Please note that we require evidence of your income – photocopies of wage slips/benefit payments are acceptable and photocopies of your accounts if you are self-employed. **Applications cannot be considered without this information which will be treated in absolute confidence.**

It would be helpful if you would ask your referees to write directly to me giving their views on your application.

If you have any further enquiries please give me a ring.

Iola Wilson
Administrator