

Hesslewood Children's Trust Charity Bursary Policy

2025/26 Academic year

Summary

This policy document aims to clarify the purpose, eligibility criteria and conditions for the Hesslewood Children's Trust Charity Bursary available to currently enrolled students at the University of Hull in 2025/26.

The Hesslewood Children's Trust Charity Bursary will be awarded to up to 15 undergraduate students to celebrate and support students from our local community. The successful bursary holders will receive a one-off cash bursary of £1,000 to support them with their studies.

If you have any questions regarding this award please contact us through one of the recommended communication channels available on our website (Enquiry Form, Web Chat or WhatsApp).

1. Description of Award

The Hesslewood Children's Trust Charity Bursary will be awarded to up to 15 local undergraduate students, under the age of 25, who entered their second or third year of academic studies in 2025/26 academic year.

This is a competitive opportunity and as such not all students who apply for the award will be successful. Applications will be assessed by a panel made up of representatives from the University of Hull. While the panel retains full discretion in determining successful applicants, the assessment of applications will take into account each applicant's financial need, personal circumstances, and the strength and substance of the content provided in their application. Applicants demonstrating the greatest financial need will be given particular consideration. The panel has full discretion in selection decisions, and all panel decisions on award outcomes are final.

Please note that by applying for this award you agree that the information provided during your application may be shared with the donors. Details of the scholarship or bursary received will be retained on the successful student's record after graduation and will be processed by the Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement Office.

Applications must be received by the advertised deadline; late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

2. Eligibility for Award

Applications will only be accepted from current University of Hull students who entered their second or third year of full time on-campus studies in the 2025/26 academic year. This does not include HYMS or Hull Online students.

To be considered for this award, applicants must:

- Be aged under 25 years on 1 June 2026.
- Be in the second or third year of a full time undergraduate degree at the University of Hull.
- Be a long-term resident of Kingston upon Hull, the East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire, or North East Lincolnshire, or the towns of Gainsborough or Caistor (for this purpose residency will be determined by reference to students whose ordinary/home residence is within the Local Authority areas of Hull City Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, or North East Lincolnshire Council, or who reside specifically in the towns of Gainsborough or Caistor within West Lindsey District).
- Not be in receipt of a University of Hull Scholarship or NHS Training Grant or Bursary during the 2025/26 academic year (includes the NHS Learning Support Fund and the Social Work Bursary – but does not include Hardship Support Fund).
- Have a household income of below £25,000 (as verified by Student Finance England. Please note that you will need to have selected for Student Finance England to share your household income information with the University as part of your student finance application, and the University must have visibility of your household income via Student Finance by the date of the bursary application deadline in order for your income to be considered verified. Applicants whose income cannot be verified by Student Finance England in accordance with the closing date will not be considered).
- Not have been a recipient of the Hesslewood Children’s Trust Charity Bursary in a previous academic year.

The successful candidate will be requested to write a thank you letter to the sponsor prior to receipt of the award. Please do not apply for this bursary if you are unwilling to meet these terms.

The following groups of students are not eligible for the Hesslewood Children’s Trust Charity Bursary:

- Foundation or First Year students.
- Anyone who is entering directly into the second or third year of a degree from different institutions.
- Any validated provision.
- Students who are not long-term residents within the Local Authority areas of Hull City Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, or North East Lincolnshire Council, or who reside specifically in the towns of Gainsborough or Caistor within West Lindsey District.
 - For the purpose of this award, a long-term resident is normally understood to be an individual who has lived within one of the eligible areas for a sustained period of time prior to commencing their University of Hull studies.

The University recognises that individual circumstances may vary. The selection panel may therefore, at its discretion, consider applicants who can demonstrate substantial and ongoing ties to the eligible area—such as previous long-term residence, schooling, or family connections—even where their current home address has changed more recently.

Temporary or short-term changes of address made solely to meet the eligibility criteria will not be accepted as evidence of long-term residency.
- Postgraduate students.
- International students.
- Hull York Medical School students.

- Previous recipients of the Hesslewood Children’s Trust Charity Bursary.

Students cannot be in receipt of more than one University of Hull financial award at any given time.

3. Applications

Students wishing to be considered for the Hesslewood Children’s Trust Charity Bursary must apply via the application form by the closing date. Late applications will not be considered.

The application form includes multiple short essays with specified maximum word counts. Submissions with text exceeding the specified word limits will only be considered based on content up to the exact amount of the specified word limit only.

Use of generative AI is not permitted in this submission; the application must be the applicant’s own work.

4. Payment of Awards

The Hesslewood Children’s Trust Bursary is payable to a UK bank account. No alternative is offered.

5. Duration and Continuation of Award

The Hesslewood Children’s Trust Bursary is a one-off award and is only payable once. Students who have previously been in receipt of this award will not be considered for future occurrences of this award.

Any student providing the University with false information for the purpose of gaining funding they are not entitled to will render themselves unfitted for support. No further financial awards will be made, and any awards already held will be rescinded.

6. Responsibilities

Management of the various elements of the awarded Hesslewood Children’s Trust Charity Bursary reside with appropriate departments across the University.

7. Scope of this Policy

This document refers explicitly to arrangements for the Hesslewood Children’s Trust Charity Bursary awarded to current students who enrolled onto a University of Hull programme of study in the 2025/26 academic year.