

Information on How to Apply for a Bursary in 2026

If you meet the following conditions, you are eligible to apply here for substantial financial support through a bursary.

The conditions are:

- You currently live in the Hull area, that is with a Hull (HU) postcode, or the wider East Riding area for Ann Watson & Help for Health bursaries,
- You were born after 31st August 2003,
- You plan to start studying at a UK university for a first degree or college for an HND or equivalent qualification in 2026,
- Your household income is below £30,000.

The Bursary

- The successful applicants will receive £6,000 each year while studying,
- The bursary is payable each year in three instalments of £2,000, subject to ongoing evidence that you are continuing to study,
- The bursary does not apply to post-graduate study.
- Applications can only be made using the online system. Partially and fully completed forms can be saved, downloaded and printed before being submitted.
- As we approach the closing date, we will send reminders to those who have started their application but are yet to submit it.
- Besides JVenn, Ann Watson's Trust and Help for Health also provide bursaries through this platform and all applications will be seen by both JVenn & Ann Watson's. The conditions for the Help for Health bursary for students planning to study a health-related subject are set out below.
- All personal information applicants provide will be treated as strictly private & confidential and used by The JVenn Foundation, Ann Watson's Trust and Help for Health solely for the purpose of awarding bursaries except when safe-guarding issues are raised.

The Help for Health Bursary

- Both the application process and ongoing administration of the Help for Health bursary will be managed by The JVenn Foundation but will be indirectly funded by Help for Health.
- The bursary is available to students studying for a medically-related profession at Hull York Medical School, the University of Hull or the University of Lincoln.
- Medically-related professions include: Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Ophthalmology, Optometry, Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Paramedicine, Occupational Therapy, Therapeutic Radiography and similar.
- Help for Health require that successful students should provide them with a report of their studies towards the end of each year.

Applications are open from March 09th until 15th May 2026

Completing the Application

- Discuss the application with your sponsor before submitting it. Your sponsor will be your tutor, teacher or other staff member at your college or, if appropriate, your leaving care worker. The sponsor must not be a relative or family friend.
- Take careful note of the instructions & guidance.
- We do not recommend the use of AI to complete the application. Applications that have used AI tend to lack personality - dare we say it, they seem “artificial” and if you are fortunate enough to be short-listed you will be asked questions about the information in your application form.
- The first part of the application form asks for this information:
 - Your personal and contact details.
 - Your sponsor’s contact details & confirmation that you’ve spoken to them about this.

- Confirmation that your household income is below £30,000 each year. As background information we will also ask if you are eligible for free school meals. We will seek evidence of your household income if you are short-listed.
- Which university or college and which course you're planning to attend.
- The courses you are studying now at college.

Then there are a number of text boxes to complete.

Additional Text Box Questions

As a guide you should write between 150 and 600 words for each question.

Q1: Why have you chosen the course and university you have?

Is it a subject you've always been interested in or something you've been especially good at college or is it the next step in your career plans?

Have you chosen the university because of its location or maybe because it offers something that attracts you?

Q2: Your Future Aspirations

Do you have a good idea of what you want to do after university? If so, tell us about it.

Or do you have a number of options? What are they?

How will your preferred course help you with your aspirations?

Q3: Your Other Interests

What do you do when you are not studying?

Tell us about any part-time job you have had.

And any volunteering? What sports do you play?

It doesn't matter if you are not involved in any of these activities - we're just trying to build up a rounded picture of you.

Q4: Overcoming Challenges

Tell us how you have managed any difficult situations in your life. It might be a disability, being in care or having come to this country recently. You may have

faced discrimination or bullying or it might be a problem with your studying or your daily life. You will know better than we do!

Q5: How The Bursary Would Help You - This is an important question!

In awarding bursaries, we consider the challenges you've faced and how successful we think you may be, but it's not necessarily the brightest students nor those who've had the hardest lives - we reward those students for whom the bursaries will make the greatest difference to their lives.

What would the bursary allow you to do that you wouldn't be able to do without it? Maybe it is field trips, transport, IT equipment or something else?

And lastly, if you are not awarded a bursary from us, tell us how you will manage financially at university.

Timetable

- The website is open for applications from 9th March to 15th May 2026.
- We will announce the short list and inform all applicants of their outcome by 30th May 2026.
- We will ask for a reference from your sponsor between 30th May and 17th June 2026.
- We will aim to interview the short-listed candidates around 19th June 2026.

Any Questions

If you have any questions that one of your colleagues or your tutor cannot answer please email:

info@jvennfoundation.org