

Engaging Young Adult Quakers Financial Relief Grants – Guidance Notes

Please read these notes before completing the application form and please contact youngadultgrants@quaker.org.uk if you have any questions or require any assistance. If you are unable to complete the application yourself, someone else can do so on your behalf.

Introduction

Grant-making is an important part of turning our faith into action. Through our grants we support individuals in their work and development around our values.

The purpose of our Financial Relief Grants is to improve the quality of life for anyone who is in membership of, or closely connected with, the Religious Society of Friends in Britain and who has impaired quality of life due to low income (usually defined as earning below the living wage).

Eligibility

Applicants should be

- A member of, or closely connected with, the Religious Society of Friends in Britain
- Aged 18-35
- Have impaired quality of life due to low income (usually defined as earning below the living wage).

What can Financial Relief Grants cover?

Grants might be made for the following, but may be considered for other things:

- Living expenses
- Emergency or unexpected costs (e.g. breakdown of fridge)
- Help with the costs relating to non-Quaker learning (music, driving, etc.)
- Equipment for a new or developing hobby (IT equipment, music or sports equipment etc.)
- Help with travel costs

Financial Relief Grants will not be given for help towards clearing debt. Another fund called the Overseers Relief fund, may sometimes be able to help in these and other circumstances when local funds are not available. They will not be given to cover costs of participating fully in the life of the Society of Friends (travel cost to Quaker events, conference fees, etc) as these can be covered by the Quaker Events and Learning Grant. Please contact youngadultgrants@quaker.org.uk for more details of these other funds.

Completing the application form

Applications

Applications should be submitted through the online form on the website. If for any reason you are unable to complete the online form please email youngadultgrants@quaker.org.uk.

Applications may be made at any time. We aim to process Financial Relief Grants as quickly as possible, however, they will usually be decided and, if approved paid, within a month. In some cases they may be paid within 1-2 weeks, but this will not always be possible.

Sums available

A grant of up to £500 may be made to any one application.

Reapplications

Applicants may re-apply for a grant but will not be considered within 12 months and if necessary priority will be given to first time applicants.

Your Quaker community

This could be a local or area meeting, Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM), a local young adult worship group, an annual Quaker event (as attender or volunteer for Children and Young People's events), European and Middle Eastern Young Friends (EMEYF), or other Quaker group that you consider to be your worshipping community

If you do not consider yourself to be a part of one of these groups, please give examples of how you have been involved with Quakers in Britain.

Briefly describe your financial circumstances, explaining why you may be eligible for a Young Adult Quaker Financial Relief Grant

The suggested word count is between 250 and 500 words. You should explain your main sources of income, giving amounts (monthly or weekly) and your main outgoings including your housing costs. If there has recently been a change in your financial circumstances, please give details of this. Please explain how the grant would make a difference to you (this could include preventing a situation from getting worse, providing short-term relief, making a long-lasting difference etc).

Have you already applied to your local or area meeting for any financial help?

You may not feel able to ask your local or area meeting for help, particularly if you do not view it as your main Quaker community. You do not need to approach them for help before applying for an EYAQ Financial Relief Grant, but if you haven't done so, you just need to briefly outline why this is. For example, you can simply say that you do not attend a local or area meeting, or that you do not feel comfortable raising the issue of financial difficulties with members of your local meeting. We ask this question as some people may not be aware of it as a potential source of help, and to ensure that such funds are accessed where possible.

The role of a supporting Friend

The application must give details of a supporting Friend. This person must be a member of, or closely connected with, the Religious Society of Friends in Britain, who has oversight responsibility within a Quaker community (whether a Local Meeting or YFGM, or as an organiser of a young adult Quaker group). Please make sure you have their permission to share this personal data with us.

Supporting Friends will be contacted to confirm the following statement:

I have oversight responsibility in a Quaker community (name of community).

I have read the Guidance Notes that accompany this form and confirm that:

- *The applicant is a member of, or closely connected with the Religious Society of Friends in Britain and is aged 18-35*
- *The applicant has impaired quality of life due to low income (usually defined as earning below the living wage and is fully eligible for Young Adult Quaker Financial Relief Grant support*

Any appropriate local Quaker or other funds have been considered.