

BACKGROUND

The Holbeck Charitable Trust (the Trust) supports a range of charitable activities across the region and beyond. The Trust is particularly concerned with supporting bright and motivated young people in realising their aspirations.

The Excellence Hub for Yorkshire and Humber (the Hub) provides opportunities and support for secondary school students identified as having high academic potential.

The Trust is working in partnership with the Hub to award a number of one-off scholarships of £1,250. Young people attending school/college in Yorkshire and Humber who are starting a university course in autumn 2017 are eligible to apply. Please note that there are a limited number of scholarships available and the application process is competitive.

The scholarships are not intended to fund any particular aspect of the student's university life. We are keen that students view the scholarship as a reward for their hard work and commitment, perhaps in the face of adversity, and successful progression to university.

Please note that the scholarships are administered by the Excellence Hub for Yorkshire and Humber, but eligible students could be applying to attend any higher education institution, including those outside the region.

Eligibility

Eligible students must:

- attend school/college in the Yorkshire and Humber region
- be engaged in the UCAS application process, applying to commence their first year of university study in 2017
- have predicted grades of ABB or better at A-Level, or equivalent
- have the drive to attend university and complete a course.

Eligible students must also meet at least two of the following conditions:

- be in receipt of, or entitled to, discretionary payments at school/college, or has a household income below £42,875
- have no experience of higher education in their immediate family (not including siblings)
- have overcome significant difficulties in their personal, social or domestic life that has placed extra demands upon them.

Applications from students applying to more competitive universities and courses are especially welcomed. It is evident that, while a proportion of bright students facing adversity do progress into higher education, many do not aspire to study at these institutions. The institutions you are applying to, and your predicted grades will be taken into account during the selection process.

For evaluation purposes, we would like to conduct brief interviews with students in receipt of a scholarship. Please note that the scholarship is dependent on the student completing the first term of their university career.



The Excellence Hub for Yorkshire and Humber

Making an application

Please note the timeline for submitting applications:

Submissions open	13 March 2017
Deadline for submissions	19 May 2017
Successful applicants notified	End June 2017
Examination results published and scholarships confirmed once students have secured university places	August 2017
Presentation of scholarships	31 August 2017

All applications must be made using the scholarship application form, which can be found on the website. Information about where to forward your completed application is detailed on the form.

york.ac.uk/excellencehub/holbeck

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You will receive a confirmation email once we have received and processed your application.

Please note that there are three separate sections of the application form:

- Section 1 should be completed by the student
- Section 2 should be completed by the student's parent, carer or legal guardian
- Section 3 should be completed by a member of staff at the student's school/college.

Only complete applications will be accepted, please do not send us separate sections. You should note in planning to submit your application that ***we cannot accept faxed forms.***

Supporting information from the student

Please note that the student's supporting statement should be no longer than 500 words

Some of this information might be copied from your UCAS form, but we are particularly interested in the following:

- why you have applied for the scholarship
- where it is relevant, further information about any difficulties in your personal, social or domestic life that might have placed extra demands upon you. Please note that we acknowledge that this may not apply to all students
- information about your achievements to date (at school/college and also more generally) and how you have gone about realising these
- information about the university courses that you have applied for and how you decided on these
- information about your aspirations for your future.

Supporting information from school staff

Please note that the school staff supporting statement should be no longer than 300 words

We would like school staff to consider the information outlined above and to give us an additional insight into the student's circumstances, academic potential and eligibility for the scholarship. If students have noted that they are eligible for discretionary payments at school/college, we would like you to confirm this. We also require you to confirm the student's predicted grades.

Please ensure you include your full name, contact telephone number and email in case the selection panel would like to substantiate any of the details on the form.