

## EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES

### Introduction

The Walcot Foundation individual grants programme offers educational bursaries to low income Lambeth residents to support them with the course-related costs of their studies when taking a post-secondary education course.

### Deadline:

- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 if you are a university or further education student taking a course during the 2026/27 academic year

**Processing time:** Typically six weeks from submission

### Eligibility criteria:

- Live in Lambeth or have been rehoused externally outside the borough by Lambeth Council
- Be turning *at least* 19 in the academic year for which you are applying
- Come from a low-income household (either be in receipt of any **Income based benefits**; OR are eligible for **Free School Meals** OR are on **very low income**)
- Accepted on a post-secondary course (**a first undergraduate** degree at university or a non-degree/vocational training course at a further education college or vocational service provider)

### Eligible for funding

Our grants can help with the costs of a first degree or a vocational (work related) qualification. Students can apply for an educational grant for one of the following:

- ***An undergraduate degree course***  
Successful applicants receive a grant of £1,800 per year (paid twice per year) for every year of their course (normally up to a maximum of three years) towards general living expenses at university. We are unable to support students studying for a masters degree or a second undergraduate degree
- ***A vocational training/non-degree course***  
The value of a grant award is not fixed and is determined based on criteria including the number of days a student is required to attend college and any course-related expenses as determined by the college. £1,800 is the maximum grant that be awarded
- ***Childcare costs***  
Discretionary childcare top up grant (up to £4,000, if including student grant award)

## Documents Needed for Assessment

You will be able to upload the documents at the end of the application form. Alternatively, you can send the documents (copies only – no originals) to Walcot Foundation, 127 Kennington Road, London SE11 6SF or email to [grants@walcotfoundation.org.uk](mailto:grants@walcotfoundation.org.uk). Please note that the maximum size of each file is 5MB.



### ID

Confirmation of your identity, such as a copy of your birth certificate, driving licence, passport or similar document.  
*(NB: Not required if you have had a grant from us within the last three years)*



### One year residence in Lambeth

Proof of Lambeth residence, such as a copy of a utility bill, tenancy agreement or an official letter from a recognised service provider. If you are not living in Lambeth but are in care to Lambeth, please provide a housing office letter or similar on official letterhead confirming that you currently have at least one year's connection to Lambeth.  
*(NB: Not required if you have had a grant from us within the last three years)*



### Immigration status

**For non-British:** please provide proof of Indefinite Leave, Settled Status, Humanitarian or Discretionary Leave to Remain in the UK.



### Proof of Low Income

*If you are under 25 and your parent(s)/carer(s) home is your main address, we need EITHER: **two** recent full months complete bank statements for your parent(s)/carer(s) as proof of their income OR if your household is in receipt of Universal Credit, you can provide **the latest month's** Universal Credit payment notification for your parent(s)/carer(s).*

*If you are over 25 or classified as an independent young person, we need EITHER your full bank statements for the last **two months** for all bank accounts (all current and savings accounts) you own OR if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, you can provide **the latest** Universal Credit payment notification.*



### Student Enrolment

Proof of enrolment on your course for the current academic year (or, if you have not yet enrolled, official confirmation of your acceptance on to the course or offer letter from the university/college).



### Student Finance

Where applicable, a copy of your Government Student Loan award/refusal letter. If you are applying to us before you have received a Student Finance award, you can forward the award letter on later.



### Timetable

For, a further education timetable for students on a course to show how many days you are required to be in college.



### Childcare

For requests for support with childcare costs, a copy of either a quote or invoice from an OFSTED registered childcare provider with a breakdown of childcare charges. A child should be old enough to receive free childcare from the Government. For FE college students, proof from your college that no childcare grant is awarded.

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