

Barnardo's Young People's Grants

What is 'Barnardo's Young People's Grants'?

Barnardo's administer a number of Trust Funds from which Grants can be awarded usually for the assistance of individual children. There are several funds set up; all have different restrictions for their usages (please see list below).

Who can apply?

Any Barnardos Service User under the age of 25. The Project applies on behalf of the Service User(s). The application form can be found on Inside:Barnardos: by searching Young People's Grants (please download this form). The completed form should be hand signed by the Service Manager then sent to Gayle Green, CS Finance Barnardo House.

Procedure

The Barnardo's Young People's Grants section only operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

All forms require authorisation from Directors at HO.

The process takes around 4-5 weeks from the day it is received by Barnardo's Young People's Grants or the day a reply is received from any query on the form.

Forms must be fully completed to avoid delays, and copies of any supporting documentation should be sent with the form for any expensive or unusual items.

A Journal Transfer is done from Barnardo's Young People's Grants to the Project's Cost Centre No. given on the application form (the funds are therefore available straight away). When a decision has been made, an e-mail is then sent to the person nominated on the application form, stating how much was awarded and confirming the journal transfer has been made.

A compulsory receipt is requested from each Service User within 3 months of the award being given. Failure to comply with this request will delay **all** future applications from that project. The receipt is to confirm that the Service User has received the money, and how much they received/spent and on what items.

How much can I apply for?

There is a minimum of £50, but no maximum. However, the funds are limited, and some of the funds can run out very quickly. On this basis, and so most Service Users can benefit from the funds, the awards are kept to a minimum. Sometimes some of the funds do run out of money, and if this happens the Service Users application may get turned down. The project may be able to apply again when more money becomes available, please check with Gayle Green if and when this happens.

Barnardo's can obtain 7% discount from Argos/Homebase. Decisions, and any money awarded, where items can be purchased from Argos/Homebase will include this discount. Please see **guidance sheet** for further information.

How many times can I apply?

There isn't a limit on how many times a Service User can apply. However, the funds are limited, as mentioned above. Assistance is unlikely to be given to the same Service User on too many occasions. Applications will be rejected if a Service User applies for the same or similar items applied for previously, with the exception of clothing grants.

What can't be applied for?

The funds are available to directly benefit Service Users. Therefore a funeral grant or anything of this nature can not be considered.

All Barnardo's Young People's Grants monies are separate from Barnardo's General Funds and are therefore supplementary to national/regional budgets

Applications will not be considered in retrospect.

Returning monies

Should there be any reason for the grant not being used for the specific person or purpose for which it was intended, or if there are anything left over, the monies must be returned. Anything below £5.00 can be given to the Service User it was originally intended for to purchase sweets or something, as it's not worth the administration costs to return anything below this amount. A cheque made

payable to Barnardo's should be sent to the Barnardo's Young People's Grants, Finance section, a note should also be attached stating when and who the award was original for. Or a Bank Transfer can be done, and Services Bank Account number, Service user and amount returning will need to be given to Gayle. An email is sent out once the transfer has been completed.

If there are any questions/queries on the above, please contact Gayle Green 020 8498 7136.

A list of the main funds which are used:

Fund	Usage	Example
Education & Training	Promotion and encouragement of education and career/training for children and young people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'D' a 12 year old boy, is a young carer for father who had a stroke. Father unable to work, so they have no money available to purchase school uniform - £100 awarded 2) 'S' a 13 year old boy with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour from a large family had the opportunity to go on a school trip. No available funds within the family - £235 awarded 3) 'K' an 18 year old young lady living in temporary accommodation. Enrolled in a hair dressing course, but need essential equipment and uniform – £150 awarded <p>Other awards include clothing for employment/interviews, college fees, bus pass for travelling to/from college.</p>
Leaving Care:	Grants to young people who are leaving or who have left the care system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'N' a 22 year old young lady who had been in care. She was offered an unfurnished property for her and 2 children. £500 awarded towards furnishing this new property. 2) 'A' a 22 year old young man had left the care system, and living in B&B accommodation. Was offered his own tenancy, but not enough money from his Setting Up Home Grant to purchase carpets - £200 awarded.

<p>Holiday & Adventure</p>	<p>Holidays, adventure training and foreign travel</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'S' a 12 year old boy has a learning disability and speech impairment. No finances for days out during 6 week summer holiday. £120 awarded for 3 days outings. 2) Family of 3 children moved to care of Father from Mother. All experience trauma while with Mum. Father trying to rebuild their self esteem and requested assistance for Caravan holiday - £300 awarded
<p>Opportunity</p>	<p>For the benefit of children and young people with physical or multiple handicap or learning difficulties</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'D' a 12 year old boy has profound complex needs and no verbal communication. Was able to respond via a communication aid - £278 was awarded for a communication aid. 2) 'J' a 4 year old girl with autism. Special car seat request that will grow with her - £400 awarded
<p>Sea Training</p>	<p>Training of young people in seamanship and sailing</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 9 S/U from a NW Project had a opportunity of a lifetime to develop personal skills, leadership skills and team build skills on a Sailing Trip - £3580 was awarded <p>Other awards include; Swimming Lessons, scuba diving lessons etc</p>

<p>General: Barnardo Village Liverpool Children's Charity AM York GA Joyce</p>	<p>All of these funds are for relieving poverty/hardship of any children receiving assistance from Barnardo's under the age 25</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'N' a 19 year old young lady was in foster care. Had her own tenancy at the time of applying, and was pregnant. Assistance was needed to purchase essential baby items - £500 awarded 2) 'R' a 14 year old girl and her family had been living in a car for 18 months. She only had a few items of clothing - £100 awarded 3) 'K' a 19 year old young lady was offered a flat. She didn't have any money or items for her flat - £600 awarded for a basic starter package. Other items awarded include: cooker, fridge, fridge freezers, washing machines, carpets, general clothing, club fees (ie dancing, horse riding etc), any other household items.
<p>WK Mumford</p>	<p>General needs of children with disabilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'B' a 1 year old girl has a rare genetic disorder and a specialist car seat was required to take her to/from her hospital appointments - £193 was awarded 2) 'P' a 19 year old young man has a learning disability. Some Sensory Equipment was requested for additional stimulation interaction - £262.70 was awarded.