

DONCASTER CIVIC TRUST

STUDENT BURSARY 2019

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Doncaster Civic Trust has been around since 1946 and for over 60 years has been active in promoting high quality in Doncaster's built and natural environments.

We are a registered charity and we work on a voluntary basis to promote:-

- the preservation and conservation of historic buildings
- high standards of new building design and landscaping
- the protection of places of natural beauty
- an increased public awareness of the built and natural environment

We offer our members talks, meetings, social events, outings and regular newsletters. Our various groups cover conservation and planning matters, social activities, tree planting, education and other specific campaigns and projects.

We have a substantial membership and resources to further our aims.

Since 1946 Doncaster Civic Trust has been an influential voice in the town, particularly when the environment is under threat.

We have an education programme aimed at helping our young people get a better understanding of Doncaster's rich and varied built environment. Our projects include a bursary scheme, an educational resource for schools known as the 'Toolkit' and an architectural design competition for primary schools now in its 4th year.

Our bursary scheme encourages Doncaster students to consider the opportunities that exist to study the built and natural environment by offering cash bursaries each year to young people planning to gain a place at university to study for a first degree in one of the many subjects which comprise this broad and interesting subject, someone already on a longer qualifying course or a student who wishes to train in a traditional craft.

The bursary scheme began in 2012. We are currently supporting three Doncaster students studying at Sheffield, Leeds and Oxford Brookes Universities.

There is a wide and exciting range of subjects to be considered including:-

- Architecture
- Architectural Technology
- Landscape Architecture
- Town and Country Planning
- Urban Design
- Building Conservation
- Traditional Construction Crafts eg stonemasonry, wood carving, stained glass etc.

These subjects are taught in universities and colleges throughout the UK including in our neighbouring cities of York, Lincoln, Sheffield and Leeds. The Trust already has links with both Sheffield Universities and Leeds Beckett University which offer undergraduate courses in some of these subjects.

Doncaster Civic Trust is encouraging ambitious students who want a career in architecture, the built and natural environment and building conservation to pursue their interests safe in the knowledge that they can afford to reach their goals. We are making our bursary available to help young people to achieve the success they deserve.

Purpose

The bursary is intended principally to help talented and ambitious young people from Doncaster including those who may be deterred by cost or who have genuine financial difficulties to make a significant contribution in Architecture, Conservation and Built and Natural Environment professions.

Details of the award

Our bursary is open to anyone entering or already in higher education who meets our award criteria. We particularly want to encourage individuals from families without a history of participation in higher education or who may have problems meeting the costs of higher education; but not to the exclusion of other deserving candidates. If successful, we will offer an award to help with expenses over the course of study.

The bursary will be to a maximum of £1250 per academic year for a maximum of four years paid in full at the start of each academic year. In the case of Part 2 architecture students, the Trust will pay up to £1000 in the first year and up to £1000 in the second year. Successful applicants for undergraduate courses will receive up to £500 in their first year and then up to £1250 in subsequent years.

The value of individual awards will depend on the number of applicants each year.

The student will need to provide proof that he/she has successfully completed each year before the bursary is paid for the next year.

Terms and eligibility

The Bursary Award is open to individuals entering or already on an appropriate higher education or traditional crafts course of study who meet the award criteria and will be selected by the Trust's executive committee at the end of the application process.

Candidates who are receiving a bursary from another source can apply for this bursary. The Trust asks that candidates declare other sources of funding they might be receiving as we want to avoid contributing to them receiving more funding than is necessary to support the particular course of study.

Applicants for the award should be Doncaster Metropolitan Borough residents or in the case of students already on a course, have lived in Doncaster.

Those applicants not currently in higher education must provide evidence of a firm offer of a place in an appropriate area of study at a recognised institution before an award is made. For those individuals already in higher education, a letter of recommendation from a tutor who can vouch for the candidate should be submitted alongside evidence of registration for their course of study.

To qualify as a bursary candidate, the applicant must explain clearly, with relevant substantiating evidence, why the Trust should consider them for the bursary and how it will help them to progress in their chosen discipline. Applicants for the bursary should have: -

- An interest or background in architecture, the built and natural environment or traditional crafts professions as specified above;
- Achieved the qualifications required for entry to their chosen course. ;
- Been awarded a place at an appropriate institution or school of architecture and evidence of continued study where appropriate.

Submitted information will consist of:-

- Completed application form;
- Portfolio of work;
- Statement explaining why the applicant wishes to study their chosen subject and why the Trust should consider them for an award. (max 500 words).
- A reference from their school head of year/university tutor.

Candidates will be considered for the bursary only when they have submitted sufficient information to enable the Trust to come to an informed decision. It is therefore in the applicant's interests to submit the requested information in full, in the format requested and within the timescale for applications.

The supporting documentation required will include proof of the candidate's residence in Doncaster where appropriate.

In addition, candidates are expected to produce a quality work portfolio to demonstrate their skills and interests. The basic guidelines for the portfolio are as follows:-

- I. Applicants' portfolios should include recent works - such as sketches, models, photographs, paintings and written work – to help build up a picture of their particular skills and interests.
- II. Models, sculptures and paintings can be photographed and live performances/events can be recorded in a variety of ways.
- III. Sketches/drawings presented in their original form (from life/drawn on site) are preferred.

As there is no single way of preparing a portfolio, individuals are encouraged to use their creativity and skills in preparing their submissions.

Wherever possible, portfolio work should be submitted in digital format.

Selection/Awards procedure

The Trust will convene a panel to help decide who will receive a bursary award. The final decision will consider which candidates have the greatest potential and the best case for the award of a bursary. The Trust may invite the short-listed candidates to an interview.

Requirements of successful award recipients

The successful candidates will be required to use their knowledge and experience to help the Trust to encourage and support young people considering a career in architecture, built and natural environment and traditional craft professions.

They will be expected to: -

1. Attend appropriate events held by the Trust to promote the bursary.
2. Provide the Trust with evidence of successful completion of each year of the course and from time to time provide examples of your work for display at Trust events and in Trust publications.
3. Keep the Trust informed of career progress.
4. Take part in the evaluation of the bursary scheme (i.e. interview/ survey/focus group) and feature in publicity/fundraising activities.
5. Be an advocate and ambassador for the bursary and help the Trust to encourage young people to pursue careers in architecture, built and natural environment and traditional crafts professions; with and without the aid of the award.

Timescale

You can apply at any time.

Decisions on applications will be made at our executive committee which meets

every two months.

Bursary payments will normally be made at the start of each academic year on proof that the applicant has commenced the year.

Further Details

Please note that some details of the bursary might be subject to change from one year to the next.

If the bursary is over-subscribed but you fit our criteria, you may be put on a 'reserve' list to be notified later if candidates drop out.

Details of the bursary and an online application form are available at:- www.doncastercivictrust.org.uk

If you have any questions about the bursary, please call Jeff Prior 01302 728612

Study/Career Information

Here is a selection of websites which will give you details of typical study opportunities. There are many other universities and colleges which offer similar courses.

[http://www.architecture.com/RIBA/Becomeanarchitect/Becominganarchitect.as](http://www.architecture.com/RIBA/Becomeanarchitect/Becominganarchitect.aspx)

px <http://www.udg.org.uk/careers>

http://www.rtpi.org.uk/education_and_careers/planning_as_a_career/

<http://www.shu.ac.uk/prospectus/course/715/>

<http://www.shu.ac.uk/prospectus/course/699/>

<http://courses.leedsmet.ac.uk/main/course.htm?ban=MAUDE>

<http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/STUDY/GRADUATE/conservation.php>

<http://www.landscapeinstitute.org/careers/index.php>

<http://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/subject-areas/construction/127-apprenticeships/1123-stonemasonry-apprenticeship.html>