

What is The Salford Foundation Trust?

The Trust supports children and young people by providing opportunities to fulfil their potential and achieve change in their lives. It provides financial assistance to those who wish to experience or enhance personal and learning development opportunities, that may otherwise be restricted by their financial means.

Who can apply?

If you have been a resident in the city of Salford for more than 3 years and are between the ages of 5 – 25 years, you can apply. Agencies and practitioners working with you, e.g. your teacher, youth worker, social worker, mentor or your parent or legal guardian can apply on your behalf.

What can I apply for?

We will consider requests to fund opportunities that will enable you to learn and/or develop new skills or take part in a character building experience or activity. Examples of this “opportunity” could be an item of equipment, an activity, a training course etc. In your application you need to describe the impact this opportunity will have on you and what you hope to achieve from it.

What can't I apply for?

We will not fund requests for opportunities that have a political or religious focus, should be financed by statutory services, or are for the benefit of a group of people rather than an individual, e.g. a school or a youth club

How much can I apply for?

We will accept applications for financial assistance up to the value of £500; in exceptional circumstances we may consider requests for a higher amount. If your application is successful we will pay for your request, rather than release actual monies, i.e. payment will be made direct to the provider of the service or the equipment needed for your opportunity.

How can I apply?

Application form

You will need to complete an application form in full. Someone else may help you do this, e.g. your teacher, social worker, mentor, parent or if you prefer they can complete the form on your behalf. If someone completes the form for you they will be known as your representative and will need to sign the form too. Application forms are available from the address at the bottom of this document

Alternative method

If you have difficulty completing application forms, we will accept an alternative method of application. This can be a cassette or video recording whereby you speak your answers to the questions on the application form instead.

Additional information

If you would like to send us any additional information, which demonstrates the talent you wish to develop please do so. E.g. should you wish to attend a filmmaking workshop or take up drama lessons you could submit a short film, to demonstrate your potential, or if you are applying for art materials you could submit a painting to demonstrate your talent

Referees

To help us make responsible decisions we will need you to provide the names of two individuals (not relatives) who have a professional relationship with you and who are willing to act as referees for your application. One of these people may also be your representative (the person who completed the form on your behalf). We would ask that these people are willing to support your application and help you to make the most of the opportunity that you are seeking funding for. They too will need to sign the application form. In exceptional circumstances we will accept one referee.

Your referees will need to be willing to help you source the information required for your application, e.g. where and when your desired opportunity will take place, how much it will cost and how long it will last. It is important that you and your referees are satisfied with the suitability and quality of the opportunity and the credibility of anyone associated with it.

Who decides?

If your application meets with the criteria of The Salford Foundation Trust it will go to the Fund Committee to be assessed, however before they make a decision we shall arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your referees. This will provide an opportunity for us to discuss your application in further detail.

When can I apply?

Each application round is open for six weeks.

When will I find out if my application has been successful?

Providing your referees are available to meet soon after your application has been submitted, you will be notified of our decision within eight weeks. There is only limited funding available and the decision of the Fund Committee will be final, therefore should your application prove unsuccessful we will be unable to enter into feedback discussions. However we shall endeavour to signpost you to alternative sources of support or funding.

What happens if my request for funding is approved?

When you are notified that your application has been successful, arrangements shall be made to fund your request.

However to help us monitor and evaluate The Salford Foundation Trust, we will contact you and your referees after your opportunity has begun to find out how you have benefited. We will be interested to hear about your progress and what impact you feel our funding has had. This will help us to make sure that we too have achieved what we set out to do.

Can I re-apply?

If you are unsuccessful you may re-apply one year after the date of the decision letter. In exceptional circumstances continuation funding may be considered.

Where do I get an application form?

Call 0161 787 3834 or email mail@salfordfoundationtrust.org.uk to request one or download one from the news page.