



BURSARY SCHEME (2018 – 2019)

Devon Gardens Trust offers a limited number of bursaries of up to a maximum of £750 each to help students normally resident in the County who wish to register on a course at a recognised educational establishment which contains a significant component compatible with the Aims and Objectives of the Trust. Details of these can be obtained on request, but essentially involve studies or research connected with parks, gardens or designed landscapes. The course must be accredited by a body such as the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), City and Guilds, BTEC (EdExcel), International Accreditation and Recognition Council (IARC) and the Open Distance Learning Quality Council (ODLQC).

The bursaries are intended to assist prospective students who would not be able to afford to accept a place on the chosen course. They are also intended to support the applicant in gaining qualifications or experience which enhance their career in relation to gardening, horticulture or landscape design/maintenance.

Applications are welcomed from either full-time or part-time students normally resident in Devon, who are looking to make gardening, horticulture or landscape design/maintenance their main source of income. Studies may be undertaken anywhere within the United Kingdom. Applications for support for overseas studies will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Bursaries given by the Trust are primarily intended to provide help with course fees, but other uses may be permitted with the agreement of the Trust. Typical uses that may be approved include the purchase of equipment needed to follow the course and travelling expenses to allow attendance at special events (but not to travel to/from the course). Accommodation and other living expenses will not be supported. Reports on the use of the bursary will be required by the Trust.

Applications may be submitted using the appropriate form. The closing date for 2018-2019 applications is **midnight on Wednesday 25th July 2018** and interviews for short-listed candidates will be held in Exeter on **3rd August**. **Applicants must be available to attend for interview on this date**, and those interviewed will be expected to be able to justify their need to apply for a bursary. The Devon Gardens Trust also expect recipients of Bursaries to submit a report, prior to the end of their course, on the value of the Bursary to the recipients studies/career and engage with the Trust to promote its educational work.

The bursary may be paid in full, in part, or in instalments as determined by the Trust direct to the educational establishment named in the application.

The decision of the Trust is final. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received a bursary from the Devon Gardens Trust. Funds are limited and acceptance of a place on a course should not be made on the basis of guaranteed success in obtaining a bursary.

Informal enquiries may be made by email to education@devongardenstrust.org.uk.