

EDMONDS AND COLES SCHOLARSHIPS

Registered Charity No 311751

Origins of Charity

Edmonds and Coles Scholarships is an educational charity which traces its origins to a Trust set up in 1623 by Anthony Edmonds, a Bristol merchant and land owner. Other benefactions were added by Christopher Cole in 1736 and John Lee in 1838. The charity is now regulated by Charity Commission Schemes dated 11 June 1986, 25 June 1990 and 27 February 1997.

Governors

The Charity is administered by 9 Trustees known as Governors who meet twice a year in April and September.

Objects of the Charity

The charity makes financial awards for any educational purposes approved by the Governors. These may include small grants for the purchase of books or equipment needed for a course of education or training, or help with travel costs. Awards are not normally made to enable a child to enter private education. Help may, however, be given in respect of pupils already in private education when there has been a change in financial circumstances through, for example, death of a parent, divorce, unemployment etc., and there are good reasons for avoiding disruption of a child's education.

Candidates for Awards

In order to qualify for an award a candidate has to be under the age of 25 years, to live in the area of benefit (see below) and to have done so for at least 3 years, and to be in financial need. Candidates or their parents or guardians are asked to give particulars of their financial circumstances. Grants are not usually made to candidates whose parental income is greater than £35,000pa although exceptions can be made. All applications are assessed on merit.

Area of Benefit

The area of benefit is defined as the area of the ancient parishes of Henbury, Westbury-on-Trym and Horfield. This is somewhat larger than that covered by the present-day parishes and includes all or part of the following localities: Aust, Avonmouth, Bishopston, Brentry, Charlton Mead, Coombe Dingle, Cotham, Durdham Down, Hallen, Henbury, Henleaze, Horfield, Kingsweston, Kingsdown, Lawrence Weston, New Passage, Northwick, Pilning, Redland, Redwick, Sea Mills, Severn Beach, Shirehampton, Southmead, Stoke Bishop, Tyndalls Park, Westbury-on-Trym, Westbury Park, Woolcott Park.

The Charity's Resources

The Charity does not raise funds but depends upon the income from investments. The total sum available for awards in any year is about £10,000. Individual grants normally range from £100 to £1,000.

Applications

The charity convenes to consider applications twice per annum; typically, in April and in September, although in exceptional circumstances an application could be considered out of committee. Candidates (or their parents or carers) are required to complete an application form which can be obtained from:

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