

## **2025 Application Form - Helena Kennedy Foundation Bursary**

HKF contributes to widening participation in higher education by awarding annual bursaries to students who have overcome significant personal and financial hardship to complete a course in a further education college and progress to higher education.

**Financial Support:** Successful students are usually awarded a £2,250 bursary towards the costs of continuing their education. The bursary is paid in annual instalments throughout the student's higher education course.

**Personal Support:** In addition to financial support, successful students will have the opportunity to take part in the Foundation's training, mentoring and work-shadowing programmes. This additional support and ongoing contact with the Foundation are key to the organisation's objectives and so students should only apply if they feel they will benefit from both the financial support and the additional services available.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 8th May 2025, 4pm**

- Any applications received after this date will not be considered.
- You will be informed of the outcome of your application by the end of **August 2025**
- All students will be informed of the outcome of their application via email.
- If you are successful in being awarded an HKF Award there may be certain requirements which must be met prior to you receiving your award, such as grades.
- In the case of University Badged Bursaries, you must be accepted at the sponsoring university and take up a place there prior to being awarded the bursary.

For further information on any aspect of completing your application please contact our Office Administrator, Cynthia Touray via email [cynthia@hkf.org.uk](mailto:cynthia@hkf.org.uk)

Required

Eligibility Quiz

Please check your eligibility before you complete and submit the application.

1. I am in the final year at a publicly-funded further education institution (e.g. in the last year of Access / A level / BTEC / Scottish Highers course at a UK FE / sixth form college) at the time of applying:

**Yes**

**No** (You do not meet the eligibility criteria - your application will not be considered if submitted)

2. I am aiming to start a programme of higher education i.e. HND, BA, BSc, Bed, Foundation Degree, this autumn at a UK higher education institution.

**Yes**

**No** (You do not meet the eligibility criteria - your application will not be considered if submitted)

3. Country of residence

4. I am a UK resident

**Yes**

**No** (You do not meet the eligibility criteria - your application will not be considered if submitted)

5. What type of educational establishment do you currently attend?

**College**

**School/Academy sixth form** (You do not meet the eligibility criteria - your application will not be considered if submitted)

**University – Studying a Level 3 course or equivalent foundation course**

**University – studying undergraduate degree or higher** (You do not meet the eligibility criteria - your application will not be considered if submitted)

6. First Name and Last Name

7. Email (please provide a personal email not your college email )

8. Contact Number

9. Date of Birth

10. Age

11. Address

12. City

13. Postcode

14. If the borough you currently live in appears below please select otherwise please select N/A

Barnet

Brent

Camden,

Ealing

Hammersmith & Fulham

Harrow

Kensington & Chelsea

Cities of London and Westminster

N/A

15. If you have selected one of the boroughs listed above, how long you have been living in the selected borough

2 years or more

Less than 2 years

No borough selected above

16. College

17. College Course

18. First Choice University

19. University Course

20. Gender (please type in below)

21. The below questions form your personal statement. Significant attention is given to the personal statement in the selection process, so please answer all the questions below in as much detail as possible.

We cannot consider your application unless we receive your personal statement and reference. When answering the questions, please note that in making a judgement about your application, the selection panel will base their assessment on these answers.

**What are your personal and family circumstances and what barriers have you overcome in order to continue with your education?**

**22. Why have you chosen your particular course of study?**

**23. How would a HKF award help you ie how will you spend this award?**

**24. What are your financial circumstances? How have you managed financially whilst at college and how will you support yourself at university?**

25. Are you eligible and planning to apply for a student loan?

Yes

No

26. If you have answered NO to the above question please explain below how you intend to pay for your tuition fees

27. Please select the range that best represents your total annual household income before tax. This includes income from all sources (e.g., employment, benefits, pensions) for all members of your household.

Less than £20,000

£20,000 – £34,499

£34,500 – £49,999

£50,000 – £74,999

£75,000 and above

28. Were you eligible for free school meals at any point during your time at school or college?

Yes, I was eligible for free school meals.

No, I was not eligible for free school meals.

I'm not sure if I was eligible.

**29. Referee Details**

**A written reference by your named referee, who has to be a staff member at the college is a requirement for your application to be considered, if this is not received your application will be rejected.**

**The referee's statement is a very important part of the application.**

**Once you have submitted this application you will receive a confirmation email. There will also be a link in the email for you to send to your nominated referee which will take them to the reference form**

that they will need to complete and submit by the deadline.

**College Referee Name**

30. Referee role/job title at college

31. Referee college email (we will use this email to contact your referee)

32. Referee contact number

**33. Equal Opportunities Monitoring Information**

Please complete the equal opportunities monitoring information section of the form. It is important for the Foundation to ensure that we are accessible to all students and we will use this information to monitor whether or not we are reaching a cross section of the student population. Information you give us will only be used to support your application and for monitoring purposes.

**Ethnic Origin**

- Asian or Asian British
- Asian or Asian British-Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British-Chinese
- Asian or Asian British-Indian
- Asian or Asian British-Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British-Other Asian background
- Black or Black British
- Black or Black British-African
- Black or Black British-Caribbean
- Black or Black British-Other Black background
- Mixed
- Mixed-White and Asian
- Mixed-White/Black African
- Mixed-White/Black Caribbean
- Mixed-Other Mixed background
- White
- White-British
- White-Irish
- White-Other White background
- Other ethnic origin
- Not known/Prefer not to say

**34. Disability/Learning Difficulty**

Do you consider yourself to have a disability and/or learning difficulty. Please tick all that apply.

- None
- Deaf or hearing impairment
- Visual impairment
- Disability affecting mobility
- Mental ill health
- Profound/complex disability
- Unseen disability or medical condition
- Multiple disabilities
- Moderate learning difficulties
- Severe learning difficulties

Dyslexia  
Dyscalculia  
Multiple learning difficulties  
Other specific learning difficulty  
Emotional/behavioural difficulty  
Temporary disability after illness  
Prefer Not to Say

35. Sexual Orientation

Bisexual

Gay Man

Heterosexual/Straight

Lesbian

Other

Prefer not to say

36. Status in the UK

Refugee

Refugee (Indefinite Leave to remain ILR)

Refugee (Humanitarian Protection, HP)

Asylum Seeker

Asylum Seeker - Awaiting decision on refugee status

Asylum Seeker - Failed Asylum seeker/ Application for refugee status has been denied

None of the above

### 37. Dependents

Do you have any dependent children or adults?

Yes - Dependent Children

Yes - Dependent Adults

No Dependents

### 38. Are you a Care Leaver or Carer?

A carer is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a friend, neighbour, or relative who could not manage otherwise because of frailty, illness or disability.

Care Leaver

Carer

Neither

In care

39. Which of the following faiths or religions do you identify with?

Christianity (including Church of England, Catholicism, Protestantism, etc.)

Islam

Hinduism

Sikhism

Buddhism

Judaism

No religion (Atheist, Agnostic, Humanist, etc.)

Other

Prefer not to say

40. If you have selected Other above please specify

#### 41. Applicants Declaration

**Please confirm, by ticking each box, that should your application be successful you agree to the following:**

I agree that if I am accepted for an award, I will keep in touch with the Foundation and inform it of my progress.

I agree to consider providing consent to HKF to use my story, photographs, quotes for publicity which may arise as a result of my selection for an award

In order to measure the impact of the support that we offer to students we need to track how well our students do in higher education. By ticking the box and signing below you are giving the university you attend permission to provide the Helena Kennedy Foundation with information relating to your progress and achievement in higher education (for example whether you have completed the course and what degree classification you receive).

I am aware that my application may be assessed by HKF staff, Trustees, volunteers and sponsors. I am aware and agree If I am successful in receiving an award HKF will send my sponsor my profile. This profile will include my photo, name, university details, college details and background information my referee has provided on the application form. HKF will also share my progress at university with my sponsor too which they receive via the progress report form from me at the end of every academic year. I understand the purpose of sharing this information with my sponsor is part of our feedback process to them, so they can be assured that our allocation process is meeting their criteria and in turn they would get to know a little bit more about the people they are helping. I understand this information will not be shared publicly.

I am aware that all data on my application will be stored on the system for a minimum of seven years if I am successful and one year if I am unsuccessful. To store personal data beyond these years will be agreed between HKF and the applicant. Non-personal data will be stored indefinitely and will be used for reporting, monitoring and statistical purposes internally and externally.

You can print a copy of your answer after you submit