

## Grant Application Form

We want applications which show clearly what is wanted, why it is wanted and what difference it will make. This sounds simple but many applications do not tell us these things. We then use our time and yours trying to find them out. So before completing this form please read:

- The relevant FAQs section
- the example application forms

Then help us by answering all the questions on the form.

Name of Young Person applying for grant NB All names and personal details have been changed

David Curtis

Name of agency or organisation which is responsible for the Young Person or is sponsoring his/her application

London Borough of XXXX

Contact person

Luke Given

Contact details

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Is the Young Person in care?

If Yes, please state the name of their foster carer and the organisation fostered through

The young person is a care leaver in higher education

If No, please state who was their care authority and when they left care

London Borough of XXXX, turned 18 in 2013

Amount of money needed. Grants are usually up to £600 but, in exceptional circumstances, applications for larger amounts will be considered

£350

If a Grant is approved, please state the name the cheque is to be made payable to (for those under the age of 18 we would expect this to be the foster carer)

David Curtis

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**What do you want?** Please give details of what you want to buy.

David would like assistance with paying for driving lessons. Being able to drive has become all the more important to him because of health issues which his mother has been experiencing. Therefore, he needs to commute between his home in London and his university in Essex on a daily basis, both to enable him to continue studying and also to be close to his mother. He is currently getting a rain every day at a cost of £70 a week. Driving will not only be more cost and time effective, it will also allow him much easier access between the two locations.

**How much will it cost?** Please state exactly how much the items or activities will cost and the source of the cost eg Argos, Carpetright. Please attach hyperlinks or copies of quotes. If you do not have the exact costs please provide estimates and explain the source of the estimate.

Please see statement below from David based on his research.

£350, this is based on research I have done into the cost of driving lessons. I have read on average a learner will need 47 hours and an average cost per hour of lessons is £24, a driving test is also £62.

<http://www.moneysupermarket.com/car-insurance/blog/thecostoflearningtodrive/> evidenced here.

The reason I am not asking for the entire amount is because I had previously started driving lessons from money I saved during my time in Care. I have also recently bought a car which is currently SORN.

**The questions below help us to understand whether contributions are being made by other people or why there is no other source of funding.**

Who else will contribute?	No	Yes	How much will the contribution be? or Why there is no contribution
Foster Carer	x		n/a David left foster care a number of years ago
Young Person		y	David has bought his car (£1,650) and some lessons (estimated cost £250) out of his foster care savings. He is in receipt of a Student Loan but this goes to maintenance and his studies.
Pupil Premium	x		n/a
Local Authority	x		<b>Please explain how much the Leaving Care grant was and how it has been used if items for setting up home are being requested</b> David's Local authority has refused to assist saying it is not within their financial policy
Other, please list	x		

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**Background Information** Please give whatever additional information about the Young Person you think will help us to reach a decision. In particular, please explain what difference having the grant will make. If you need more space please continue on a separate sheet.

I am entering my final year of study at Essex University. I plan on undertaking post graduate studies when I graduate. I came to university from the care of social services. My mother is now terminally ill and my main reason for living in London is to help support my family including my younger sister. I have a flat provided for me by my local authority and I have to keep this or I would lose my only secure base. So I can't relocate to Essex.

If I had a car I would be more mobile between London and university and I would not have to cope with the challenges which public transport often presents.

**Signed** Carer/social worker/leaving care team (delete as appropriate)

Luke Given

**Date**

10/10/16

**Monitoring Data** Please complete the table below for the young person. The data is used to help us understand who we give grants to and does **not** influence whether we give a grant.

Age	21	Gender	Male
Ethnicity	White British	Nationality	British
Disability, if any	None		

**How did you hear of The Spark Foundation?** Please tick all which apply

Search Engine	
Previously used	
Recommendation from friend/social worker	yes
Other, please specify	

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