

Guidance for Completing the Study Essentials Grant Application Form

When filling out your application, we want you to feel confident about sharing your story and explaining your needs. The questions are designed to help us understand your connection to East London, your goals, and how this grant will support you.

Tips for Success

- Be clear and specific — avoid vague answers.
- Connect your answers to the grant criteria.
- Keep it concise but detailed enough to show your needs.
- Tell your story — let us see how this support will make a real difference.

Here's some guidance on how to approach each section:

1. University, Course, and Personal Information

- Provide accurate details about your university, course, and personal information as requested.
- This helps us confirm your eligibility and understand your academic context.

2. Your Connection to East London

- Tell us about your link to Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, or Waltham Forest.
- This could include where you live now, where you went to school, or how you've been involved in your community.
- Be specific so we can clearly see your connection to the boroughs.

3. Why You Are Applying

Tell us about your current situation and why this support would make a difference. You could include things like:

- Explain what challenges you're facing and why this grant would make a difference.
- Focus on your academic journey - what barriers are you experiencing, and how would this support help you overcome them?
- Are there specific things you're struggling to afford (e.g. materials, equipment, tech)?

4. Funding Amount

Please tell us the total amount you're requesting. The grant offers up to £1,000 per applicant.

- State clearly how much funding you are applying for.
- Make sure the amount matches the costs of the items or resources you plan to buy and to be described in the next question. If you're applying for more than one item, you can give a breakdown in your answer.

5. What You Would Use the Funding For

- List the specific items, equipment, or activities you need.
- Give enough detail so we understand exactly what the grant will cover (e.g., “a laptop for coursework,” “materials for final-year project,” “travel costs to attend rehearsals”).

6. How the Grant Will Help You Move Forward

We're interested in how this funding will support your progress.

- Describe how receiving this grant will support your studies or career goals.
- Think about the bigger picture: Will it help you complete assignments, develop skills, or access opportunities you couldn't otherwise afford?

7. Other Financial Support

If yes, please briefly explain what support you've received.

- Let us know if you've received any other funding or financial support for your studies.
- This helps us understand your situation and make sure the grant reaches those who need it most.

8. Anything Else You'd Like Us to Know

- Use this space to share any additional information about your circumstances, ambitions, or challenges.
- This is your chance to tell us something that doesn't fit neatly into the other questions but is important for us to know.

If you have any further questions, please email us at:
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