

Scholarship and Bursary Application Form Deadline: 1 August 2026

This form will be updated as other scholarships, bursaries and awards are approved. Please check back for updates.

How to complete this form

You can use this application form for all scholarships and bursaries listed on this form.

- Tick the box next to each scholarship or bursary you are applying for
- Complete the form fully
- If you are applying for more than one scholarship or bursary listed on this form, make sure you attach a separate personal statement for each that you are applying for. You can do this by copying the Personal Statement section
- Remember to write the name of the scholarship or bursary for each one you are applying for at the top of each personal statement and make sure to include this with your completed application form
- Make sure you address in each personal statement the criteria set out for each scholarship or bursary you are applying for. This is vitally important. For your application form to be considered, you must demonstrate how you meet the criteria

Applications are considered by the Grants Committee and depending on the scholarship, or bursary being applied for recommendations are either made to the Scholarship or Bursary awarding body for consideration and approval, or the Grants Committee has the authorisation to agree the successful recipient. Applicants should note that students will be required to sign terms and conditions if awarded a scholarship or bursary.

Scholarships

West Dean College awards a number of scholarships on behalf of funders to the very best students. Applicants for the scholarship awards need to be able to demonstrate an outstanding potential and commitment to their studies and future career in their chosen subject. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate excellence by providing evidence of past achievements and related work experience, alongside recommendations from current or past tutors and colleagues.

Bursaries

The College awards a number of bursaries on behalf of funders to students who demonstrate a financial need for support. All awards are for one academic year unless stated otherwise.

Criteria

The criteria, application and terms for each scholarship and bursary are listed on this form. Please read these carefully to ensure that you are eligible to apply. Some scholarships and bursaries may have background information available to help you understand more about the funder, if this is the case you can read more on our website.

Deadline and application submission for Scholarships and Bursaries

Applications must be made by 5pm, 1 August 2026 and, if successful, applicants will be notified between May and June. We are unable to provide an exact decision date, but we will inform you as soon as a decision has been made. Please note unsuccessful applicants are unable to request feedback from the Grants Committee.

You can apply by returning the completed form by email to college@westdean.ac.uk. Your application must be typed – hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Please include two typed references, one of which should be from a current or recent tutor and should address why you are the best applicant for the scholarship or bursary you are applying for. Your application will not be considered if the two references are not included or if your application is incomplete. **Current students do not have to include references, but a tutor reference will be requested if nominated for a scholarship and some bursaries, where needed.**

Bursary criteria

Please tick the bursary you are applying for and enclose a personal statement for each one.

Bursary	Criteria	Value	Tick
The Alan Whitaker Bursary	The Alan Whitaker Bursary will be awarded each year to one or more students progressing onto a further year of study on any Clocks programme: Foundation Degree Arts (FdA) – Clocks (year 2), progression to the BA (Hons) Craft Practices, Graduate Diploma Conservation Studies, MA Conservation Studies or MFA Craft Practices. Application: To be eligible to apply students must be progressing onto a further year of study on any Clocks programme all awards (as above), must show ability, diligence, and application in their studies while at the same time finding it difficult to find the funds for either their fees or their living expenses (financial need)*. The Grants Committee will consider the applications and details of the nominees (name, course, recommendation statement from Subject Leader Clocks) will be sent to funder for their records. Terms: The award is for one academic year and will be paid directly to West Dean to help offset fees or living expenses**. The successful applicants will be expected to produce an end of year report in the summer term. *i.e. not be able to continue their studies without it. ** Please indicate on your bursary application form whether you are applying for helps towards fees or living expenses.	£5,000 (to be divided amongst one or several students)	
The Behrens Foundation Bursary	Available to students studying on the Graduate Diploma or MA in Conservation Studies (all specialisms) or the Foundation Degree Arts, FdA, (all pathways). Applicants should demonstrate a clear financial need. In order to offer maximum impact from the award, students of any age or nationality are eligible to apply. Applications: Individuals studying on a relevant programme are eligible to apply for this award. The Grants Committee will consider the applications and details of the nominees such as name, programme of study and personal statement will be sent to The Behrens Foundation for their records. Terms: Students are required to complete an end of year report on completion of the academic year in which they receive bursary support.	£15,000 (to be divided to three students)	
The Radcliffe Trust Bursary for Craft Practices	The Radcliffe Trust Bursary for Craft Practices will be awarded to a student studying the Foundation Degree Arts – all pathways, BA (Hons) Craft Practices or MFA Craft Practices for 2026-27. • Students should demonstrate excellent potential • A commitment to their studies • A clear aim for career development	£5,000	

	In need of financial assistance Application: Individuals studying on a relevant programme are eligible to apply for this award. The Grants Committee will consider the applications and confirm one student to receive The Radcliffe Trust Bursary for Craft Practices. The name of the confirmed student will be shared with The Radcliffe Trust for their records. Terms: The award is for one academic year, paid directly to West Dean to help offset tuition fees. The confirmed student must produce a report towards the end of the summer term. The report must mention the support of the Trust.		
The Worshipful Company of Armourers & Brasiers' - The Gauntlet Trust Scholarship	The Gauntlet Trust Scholarship will be awarded to a student studying the MA Conservation Studies Metalwork specialism. - Students must demonstrate excellent potential and a commitment to a future career in their chosen field - Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated an interest and ability in conservation of arms and armour during their Graduate Diploma year Application: The Grants Committee will consider the applications and details of the nominee such as name, education and qualifications, employment and experience, personal statement, income and expenditure as well as a tutor recommendation will be sent to The Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers for their records. Terms: The award is for one academic year and will be paid directly to successful student. The scholar will be expected to produce an interim report during their first and second terms and an end of year report in their final term.	£2,500 (£2,000 towards course fees and £500 as a contribution towards spring term work placement costs)	
The Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers - The Simon Gibson Charitable Trust Bursary	The Simon Gibson Charitable Trust Bursary will be awarded to a student studying on the Foundation Degree Arts (FdA) in Metalwork or one of the Graduate Diploma Conservation Studies in Metalwork or the MA Conservation Studies Metalwork specialism. Eligibility: To be eligible to apply, students must be studying on one of the above programmes and be intending to make a career directly with objects and in the cultural/heritage sectors. Students must demonstrate outstanding potential and financial need, whilst at the same time finding it a struggle to raise the funds for their fees. Preference will be given to a student who holds UK Nationality or who has been mainly educated in the UK, who is aged under 35 on 1 September 2026. Application: Students meeting the above criteria are welcome to apply for this bursary. The Grants Committee	£2,500 (£2,000 towards course fees and £500 as a contribution towards spring term work placement costs)	

	will consider the applications and details of the successful nominee, such as name and personal statement will be sent to The Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers for their records. Terms: The award is for one academic year, paid directly to West Dean to help offset tuition fees for study at West Dean College. The successful student must produce a report towards the end of the Autumn term and an end of year report in the final term for publication or summary in the website and / or Newsletters of the Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers. The successful student may be invited to a Company event such as its Awards Dinners or similar, and consents to their photograph being reproduced on the Company's website and in its Newsletter.		
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Please note: The funders listed above reserve the right, at their discretion, to request repayment of all or any part of an award in the event that a recipient does not complete the course for which the award has been made.

Queries: Applicants should not contact awarding trusts and organisations directly with queries relating to the above scholarships and bursaries as these are being administered by The Edward James Foundation. If you have any queries, please contact college@westdean.ac.uk

Personal details	
First name	
Surname	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)	
Nationality	

Contact details	
Email address	
Telephone	
Mobile	

Address	
Street address	
City and County/State	
Postcode/Zip code	
Country	

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For office use only
Date received:
Application reference:

Details of education and qualifications			
Dates	School/University/College	Course attended	Qualification
Details of relevant employment and experience			
Dates	Occupation	Name of employer	Skills used

Personal statement	Scholarship/bursary
Please carefully check the criteria for the scholarship and or bursary you are applying for and state how you match these. The criteria for all scholarships and bursaries are listed at the start of this form. Please ensure you complete a separate personal statement for each scholarship and bursary application.	

Income and expenditure Please complete this section if the scholarship or bursary you are applying requires you to demonstrate financial need as part of the criteria			
Current employment status:			
Employed full time		Unemployed, but not registered	
Employed part time		In full time training/education	
Self-employed		Other	
Registered unemployed			

Do you have any dependants?	Yes		No	
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Annual income	Current situation	When studying at West Dean
Personal income (i.e. salary)	£	£
Spouse's/partner's salary	£	£
Parental contribution	£	£
Savings/ISAs	£	£
Rent from tenants or lodgers	£	£
Interest from capital	£	£
Child benefit	£	£
Tax credits	£	£
Student Loan (tuition fees, maintenance)	£	£
Career Development Loan	£	£
Other, including any grants/scholarships	£	£
Total income	£	£
Expenditure for the duration of the course (in addition to tuition fees)	Current situation	When studying at West Dean
Rent, mortgage or accommodation fees	£	£
Water rates/council tax	£	£
Lighting and heating	£	£
Telephone	£	£
Food & clothing	£	£
Household miscellaneous	£	£
Incidental e.g. insurance, TV licence	£	£
Travel expenses	£	£
Other expenses (books, etc.)	£	£
Total expenditure	£	£

Declaration

Please carefully read the following statements and sign below to indicate acceptance of these terms.

- I declare that the above details are true to the best of my knowledge.
- I will undertake to provide any additional information that may be required.
- I understand that offered scholarships and bursaries are subject to overarching Terms and Conditions, this is in addition to any terms and conditions that may be listed above for each scholarship and bursary. You can read a full copy of the Terms and Conditions [Student Funding | West Dean](#)
- I consent to my application data being shared with the College's Grants Committee, Academic Registry, Fundraising & Student Funding, programme/course tutors and the awarding body, if applicable, which may be a trust, foundation, livery company, business or individual donor(s) and may be referred to as funder.

If offered a scholarship/bursary, I will:

- Make myself available to assist in the recruitment and promotional activities of West Dean as outlined in the full Terms and Conditions, Student Funding | West Dean.
- Agree for my details to be used in articles, promotional material and press releases. This may include photographs.
- Agree to provide termly or annual reports whilst studying at the College as requested by the Student Recruitment and External Engagement Department.
- Agree reports in keeping with the funder's requirements can be shared with the funders for two years following my graduation from the College.

Please also check the College's Policies and Documents on the website and on Moodle

Name	
Date	
Signature	
If you are emailing your application, please tick this box to indicate your acceptance of the above terms:	