



Nottingham Soroptimist Trust

Helping Women and Girls in Nottinghamshire fulfil their potential.



What is Nottingham Soroptimist Trust?

The Trust is a registered charity which grants money to women and girls who live or work in Nottinghamshire who are experiencing financial hardship or to advance their education, or to groups who work to achieve these aims.



Who can apply?

Women and girls who live or work mainly in Nottinghamshire can apply if they are experiencing financial hardship, or if they need help with their education. All applications require a professional referee, such as a representative from a college or agency, to confirm that the application is genuine and worthy of consideration.



What kind of help can be given?

All applications are considered depending on a woman's specific needs. The Trust often assists with the cost of items to relieve hardship, such as clothing, household goods, items which help a woman deal with health problems or a disability, or with the cost of travel to and from work or college.

The Trust also assists with the payment of all or part of the necessary course fees to improve a woman's education, or equipment that may be necessary for her to participate in a course of study.

Sometimes the Trust is approached to assist with the costs of beneficial activities for a group of women or girls, or to help another organisation organise such activities.



How do I apply?

Please email soroptimisttrustnottingham@gmail.com for an application form, indicating whether your application is for an individual or a group. We will send you an application form to complete, which should be filled in and returned to us with any supporting evidence that you have, such as a letter from a college confirming a course, or details of items you require and their cost.



How often does the Trust deal with applications?

The Trust has two periods a year when applications are received:

- between 1st November and 14th December for the January grants.
- between 1st May and 14th June for July grants.

Applications received at all other times will be returned, except in cases of severe financial hardship, in which case an urgent decision may be made.

Please note that our application deadlines and application forms have recently changed. If you have a form which you received prior to October 2021, please email the Trust and request an up to date form before applying.



When will I find out if my application has been successful?

The Trustees meet twice a year in January and July to consider applications, and applicants are contacted shortly after this meeting to inform them whether they have been awarded any money. The Trust will wherever possible pay the grant to the college or agency which is supporting your application, rather than direct to you.



Is there an application limit?

There is no set limit on the amount which can be applied for. However the Trustees have a limited amount of money to allocate, and work hard to distribute this fairly and in the interests of the greatest number of applicants. This means that applications for large sums, ongoing costs, or where other sources of funding may be available may not be approved, or the Trust may agree to pay only a proportion of the overall costs.



Is there a right of appeal?

The decisions of the Trustees are final and binding, and the Trustees are unable to enter into a dialogue with unsuccessful applicants regarding their applications.



If I have been unsuccessful can I apply again?

If your application has been unsuccessful in the past you may only apply again if it is for a different project or if your circumstances have changed.



I work for an agency which helps vulnerable women – can I apply on their behalf?

If you are a professional completing an application for a woman who is unable to do so herself, perhaps due to language barriers or illiteracy, please make this clear on the application form, and make every effort to ensure that the information on the form is in the applicant's own words. Please do not submit multiple identical applications, as these are unlikely to be successful.



Is the Trust interested in hearing about how the grant has helped me?

Yes, absolutely – the Trustees love to hear about how our grants have improved the lives of the women and girls who apply. Please send us some feedback about how your grant has helped you.



I have a question about my application – how can I contact the Trust?

Please email soroptimisttrustnottingham@gmail.com and we will try and answer your question.



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