

Shuker Scholars



Our first Shuker Scholars
(photograph courtesy of The Wiltshire Times)

We awarded our first grants from the Shuker Educational fund in 2008.

When asked what receiving a grant from the Shuker Educational Fund meant to them, they said:

“The scholarship means that I no longer require a full time job throughout my studies.”

Fred Wright

“The Shuker grant will enable me to concentrate fully on achieving my goal of becoming a doctor without added worries of how I will afford my next month’s rent.”

Jessica Ovens



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The Shuker Fund applications are reviewed twice a year, in July and October.

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Shuker Educational Fund, please contact us for further information:

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The Community Foundation
for Wiltshire & Swindon

**Shuker Educational
Grants Fund**



Who are we?

The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon is a registered charity and grant-making Trust. Since 1991 we have been dedicated to strengthening our community by encouraging local people to support the charities and voluntary organisations working on their doorstep.

The Community Foundation gives grants to:

- ◆ Local charities and voluntary groups that are making a real difference to the community and to the people they serve
- ◆ Young people in Wiltshire and Swindon

The Shuker Educational Fund has been set up with a £2 Million legacy left to the Community Foundation by Mr & Mrs Brian Shuker of Trowbridge.



The Shuker Educational Fund

Brian and Mari Shuker lived in Hilperton near Trowbridge. The couple met in 1962 when they both worked in Denver, Colorado. They married and returned to England in 1964. Brian Shuker was the Managing Director of Trowbridge Dairies. He retired when the business was sold in 1995.

Mari Shuker also carved out her own successful business career. As a testament to their 40 years in Trowbridge, where they prospered and enjoyed life so much, they decided to leave the bulk of their estate to establish the Shuker Educational Fund.

The Fund is managed by The Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon and provides financial assistance for young people from West Wiltshire so that they can attend university.

The Shuker Educational Fund supports young people from West Wiltshire District, aged 17-24 who are studying for, or planning to study for, a Degree, Masters Degree or Doctorate.



Who does the fund support?

The aim of the Fund is to give financial help to students from poorer backgrounds who want to study at an established University in the UK and can provide between £500 and £5,000 per year, which is assessed on the basis of individual need.

The Fund will be able to make a long-term commitment to students for a 'scholarship' for the durations of the degree course or a 'minor ward' for short term support. We will expect students to have applied for financial support normally available (i.e. Students loans and grants), and demonstrate a commitment to their course.

Individuals benefiting from the fund must:

- ◆ Be resident for at least two years in West Wiltshire, AND
- ◆ Require additional support to undertake higher education, AND
- ◆ Be aged between 17 – 24 years at the time of the application

As the fund is likely to be oversubscribed, priority for funding will be given to individuals:

- ◆ Who are themselves in receipt of means tested benefits
- ◆ Whose parents, carers or guardians are in receipt of means tested benefits (where the individual is under 21 and still in full-time education)
- ◆ Where the general financial circumstances preclude progression to higher education
- ◆ The economic benefit to the country from the course you are undertaking will also be considered