

Programmes

The Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship

(including NPQH)

Financial Support

For many Church of England schools, particularly those that are small and based in coastal and rural areas, accessing the highest quality professional development can be difficult.

For this reason, the Foundation offers two different avenues of financial support for candidates that fall within the following criteria.

1. Department for Education Full Scholarship Funding

Who can apply?

You are eligible for this funding if:

- You work in an Opportunity Area or
- You in work in a Category 5 or Category 6 school and
- You have not previously enrolled in an NPQH programme

How do I know if I am working in an Opportunity area or Category 5 or 6 school?

The Opportunity Areas are:

Yorkshire & Humber: Scarborough, Bradford, Doncaster

North West: Blackpool, Oldham

East Midlands: Derby

West Midlands: Stoke

East of England: Norwich, Fenland, East Cambridgeshire, Ipswich

South West: West Somerset

South East: Hastings

Category 5 & 6 areas

Since March 2016, all Local Authority Districts have been grouped into categories from 1 to 6 based upon the progress children are making and access to high quality schools. Areas 5 and 6 are the areas in the greatest need. In these areas there is also less provision of leadership support.

Visit the Visit www.gov.uk to find out which category your district is in.

What does it cover?

- Full course fees (£1975 +VAT or £1675 +VAT in the South West)
- Does not cover any costs to school associated with taking days out of school to attend training events or take part in the 9-day placement

How can I access this funding?

First check that you are eligible by checking that you fulfil the criteria above. If so, simply let us know this when you complete your online application form. You just need to tick the relevant box.

We will then complete an application for funding on your behalf once we have confirmed your eligibility.

2. Applying for a Foundation Bursary

For 2019, we have a number of bursaries from *The Maurice and Hilda Laing Trust* and the *All Saints Educational Trust*. The type of bursary and criteria for each is given below.

2a. The Maurice and Hilda Laing Trust Bursary

We have two bursaries available for 2019.

Who can apply?

If you are living and working in the **Carlisle** diocese and:

- Your school is small with less than 100 pupils and/or
- At your school more than 30% of children receive free school meals

What does it cover?

- Full course fees (£1975 +VAT)
- Up to £2,000 (incl of VAT) to cover costs to your school associated with taking days out of school to attend training events or take part in the 9-day placement

2b. All Saints Educational Trust Bursary

We have seven bursaries available for 2019.

Who can apply?

You can apply for this bursary if you:

Are living and working in a rural or coastal area of the UK and:

- You are NOT eligible for DFE funding
- Your school is small with less than 100 pupils and/or
- You identify yourself as being BAME and/or
- At your school more than 30% of children receive free school meals
- You are willing and able to contribute to our piloting of a new rural school network during 2019

What does it cover?

- Full course fees (£1975 +VAT)
- Up to £2,285 (incl of VAT) to cover costs to your school associated with taking days out of school to attend training events or take part in the 9-day placement

How can I access this funding?

Participants wishing to apply for either of our bursaries, for the CofEPQH starting in January 2019, are asked to [complete the bursary application form online here](#).

Evidence must be included that the applicant has made efforts to secure funding from different sources before approaching the Foundation. To do this, applicants are encouraged to speak with their diocese (if working in a Church of England School), governors and local charities.

Any additional evidence should be scanned and included with the application form submission.

The deadline for receiving Bursary applications is **Friday, 2nd November 2018**.