



Quay Words bursaries

Provided by Literature Works.

Our course and workshops are intended for anyone who enjoys creative writing, regardless of their income or background.

If you live in the UK and unable to book a place on an eligible Quay Words workshop or course without financial help, you can apply for one of our bursary places which are based on financial need – not writing ability.

Bursaries are limited and allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, so make sure you apply as soon as you can.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for a Quay Words bursary if:

- You are a full-time student or pensioner
- You are in receipt of Jobseekers' Allowance, Disability Benefits, Income Support, or Working Tax Credits
- You are a full-time carer
- You have an income of less than £15,000 per year.

We will ask you to submit a short statement outlining your financial circumstances and the ways in which a place on the course will impact on your progress as a writer. If none of the above describe your circumstances, a statement which shows evidence of financial need not outlined above may also be considered.

How to apply

To apply for a bursary placement, please email customhouse@literatureworks.org.uk with the name of the workshop or course you would like to attend. Please also attach one of the following proofs of low income:

If you are in receipt of state benefits, please provide a copy of:

- Proof of means-tested state benefits (such as housing benefit, council tax benefit, Universal Credit, Income Support, pension credit, Job Seeker's Allowance, or other similar benefits), or
- Proof of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment
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If you are not in receipt of state benefits:

You must send documentary evidence to fully illustrate your household's financial situation and thereby demonstrate that you do not have the financial means to cover the cost of the eligible workshop or course.

Documentary evidence can include one or more of the following:

- Recent bank statements (current / savings)
- Your most recent pay slips or proof of earnings

Applicants are encouraged to blank out sensitive information such as account numbers and sort codes, so long as it is clear the documentation refers to them personally.

If you would like a confidential discussion about bursary placements and proof of eligibility, please email customhouse@literatureworks.org.uk

Terms and conditions

1. The Quay Words bursary scheme is for writers who cannot afford to book onto a course or workshop. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of meeting the specific eligibility criteria of the relevant scheme or financial need, and not writing ability.
2. Quay Words bursaries are only available to writers living permanently in the UK. We are unable to offer grants to citizens of the UK living abroad. For the purposes of our policies, a UK resident is defined as a person who has their main home in the United Kingdom, who is registered with a medical practitioner in the UK, and who has been resident in the UK for 6 months out of the last 12.
3. A Quay Words bursary will cover the full course fee, but does not cover transportation, food or accommodation.
4. Travel to and from the workshop must be arranged by the bursary recipient, and all travel costs must be paid by the bursary recipient. Literature Works cannot provide financial assistance with travel.
5. We can only offer one grant per person in any given year and will not be able to consider applications from those attending more than one workshop or course in that year. Priority is given to those who have not received a bursary or attended a Quay Words course before.
6. It is a condition of the bursary award that a short statement outlining financial circumstances is submitted.
7. Decisions will be made by Literature Works staff. Bursaries will be awarded solely on the basis of the financial information provided.
8. Applicants will be notified of the decision regarding their application promptly, whether or not they have been successful.
9. Literature Works reserves the right to withdraw the bursary scheme in whole or in part at any time.
10. Should a bursary recipient need to cancel a booking, the bursary award will be withdrawn but a fresh application can be made in the future.
11. Our decisions on bursaries are final and we will not enter into any correspondence about them.
12. Quay Words bursaries cannot be exchanged in whole or in part for any cash equivalent, nor transferred to another person.
13. Applications from previous Quay Words bursary recipients who have failed to attend a course without notice or good reason will not be considered.
14. Literature Works reserves the right to withdraw any offer of a bursary if the conditions of the award are not met.