

GDST Prizes and Scholarships

Academic year 2020 - 2021

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Key dates:

PRIZE	DATE PRIZE INFORMATION IS SENT TO SCHOOLS	DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS
GDST Travel Scholarships	September	22 January 2021
GDST Johnston Memorial Scholarship	October	3 February 2021
GDST Creative Writing prize	November	18 January 2021
GDST Minerva Prize	November	2 March 2021
GDST Pearson and Silver Awards	December	12 March 2021
GDST Laurie Magnus Poetry Prize	January	25 Mar 2021
GDST Frederica Lord University Scholarship	January	3 May 2021
GDST Lorna Cocking Scholarship	January	3 May 2021
GDST Anne Hogg Modern Foreign Languages Prize	February	21 May 2021
GDST Somerville and Gurney	March	Date TBC – will be a date w/c 14 June 2021

The following ten prizes and scholarships are available:

GDST Travel Scholarships

For Year 13 students intending to take a Gap year or planning to travel in the summer before university.

GDST Johnston Memorial Scholarship

For Year 13 students intending to read Law at university.

GDST Creative Writing Prize

For students from all age groups with an interest in writing short stories.

GDST Minerva Prize

For Year 13 students. The prize is awarded for all-round achievement.

GDST Pearson and Silver Awards

For Year 12 students. The awards provide financial help towards the cost of attending courses or meetings, or carrying out projects with a classical content.

GDST Laurie Magnus Poetry Prize

For students from all age groups with an interest in poetry.

GDST Frederica Lord University Scholarship

For Year 13 students pursuing a recognised course of academic study at one of the universities specified by the founder- see relevant section for more details.

GDST Lorna Cocking Scholarship

For Year 13 students applying to study in higher education - see relevant section for more details.

GDST Anne Hogg Modern Foreign Languages Prize

For Year 10 students who are taking two or more modern foreign languages.

GDST Somerville and Gurney Awards

For Year 12 students after sitting a two-and-a-quarter hour general exam paper.

GDST Travel Scholarships

Key dates

September 2020 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

22 January 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive applications

Background information

Applications are invited from Year 13 students who are either:

- a) planning to take a gap year or
- b) planning to travel in the summer before their university course

Preference will be given to applicants who will be / are:

- (i) travelling independently (rather than using a gap year provider) and
- (ii) in receipt of a bursary or other financial assistance.

This year, £5,600 is available to be awarded to students.

The following scholarships and awards have been incorporated into the 'Travel Scholarships':

1. **The Cash Scholarships** were founded in memory of Sir William Cash, Chairman of the Trust Council 1948-1964, and his wife Hilda, also a member of Council and Chairman of the Trust's Education Committee. The **Sir William Cash Scholarship** is historically awarded with a preference for entrants to Oxford University, with the **Lady Cash Scholarship** having a further preference for Somerville College (Lady Cash's old college). The **Sir William & Lady Cash Scholarships** are available to applicants intending to study at any university.
2. **The Mary Gurney Scholarship**, named after one of the four founders of the Trust, who died in 1917, This Scholarship is for classical or related studies. Whilst it is preferred that these studies are part of the proposed degree course, they do not have to be incorporated into the applicants' travel plans.
3. **The Marguerite Nicholson Scholarship**, named after the donor, who left Kensington High (now Preparatory) School in 1891 and died in 1953; is for foreign language studies. Whilst it is preferred that these studies are part of the proposed degree course, they do not have to be incorporated into the applicants' travel plans.
4. **The Dr Lucy Campion Scholarship**, founded by The Friends from money bequeathed by Dr Campion (died 1985), a medical practitioner who was educated at Sydenham and Bromley High Schools and was a founder-member of The Friends, is for medical or paramedical studies. These studies have to be part of the proposed degree course but do not have to be incorporated into the applicants' travel plans.
5. **The Aline Cholmondeley Scholarship**, founded through The Friends in 1988 by Lady Aline Cholmondeley, a former pupil of Kensington High School, is awarded with preference for travel in

order to study, perform or listen to music. The successful applicant does not however have to intend to study music as part of her proposed degree course.

- 6. The Oakley Award**, founded by Mr Michael Oakley, the former chief executive of the Girls' Day School Trust to offer financial assistance to GDST students embarking on a project that relates to their ongoing career or study developments.

Application process

In September, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit online the confidential report from the Head, together with the student application form.

Each school may only nominate a **maximum of three candidates**.

GDST Johnston Memorial Scholarship

Key dates

October 2020 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

3 February 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive applications

Background information

This Scholarship was established as a tribute to Lady Johnston, a distinguished lawyer, one of the first women to achieve first class honours in jurisprudence at Oxford University and later Parliamentary Counsel. Betty Johnston gave outstanding service to the GDST, not least through her membership of the Council for 35 years, serving as its Chairman from 1975 – 1991 and President at the time of her death in 1994.

The terms of the Scholarship reflect her commitment to ensuring that the Trust's schools (and other independent schools) remain accessible to students from a range of circumstances, and also her encouragement for young people entering the legal profession.

Details of award

One or two awards will be made annually to a student or students intending to read law at university. The award(s) will be conditional upon the candidate taking up a place to read law either as a single subject or in combination with any others. Award winners will be offered the opportunity to complete a week's work experience within the Legal department at Trust Office.

Eligibility

Candidates must be:

- In Year 13 and intending to read law at university, whether as a single subject or in combination with another (the Scholarship covers universities both in the UK and overseas)
- Attending a Trust school (preferably from the age of 11)
- Currently receiving a Trust bursary or a 50% (half-fees Scholarship) awarded for reasons of financial need, or a Government Assisted Place or an equivalent externally-funded bursary.

Applications

- In October, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their entries online.
- The application form and supporting letter from the Head will need to be uploaded online.

Interviews

Up to six candidates will be selected to attend an interview in March. The interviews will either be held at Trust Office, or as an online interview. Specific details will be shared nearer the time.

Criteria for award

The award will be made having regard for the candidate's personal academic achievements and potential, their aptitude for a career in the law and their financial circumstances.

Conditions of award

- (a) The scholar must forward their university's confirmation of their place immediately to gdstprizes@wes.gdst.net and their first year's payment will be arranged.
- (b) The award of the scholarship will be published to the Trust community and to the holder's university, which will be asked annually to confirm the scholar's entry into the subsequent year.
- (c) Subsequent years' payments will be made as soon as possible after the start of the academic year, following receipt of the university's confirmation of attendance.
- (d) The scholarship will be withdrawn if the holder changes course prior to or after entering university or does not complete the course.
- (e) The Selection Committee may withhold an award if it considers that in any year there is no suitable candidate.
- (f) The scholar will be asked to write a personal letter each year, to be sent with their confirmation of university place for the following year, and to write at the end of their degree, giving their degree classification and future plans.

GDST Creative Writing Prize

Key dates

November 2020 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

18 January 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive stories

Background information

The GDST Creative Writing prize is an opportunity for GDST students to produce a piece of creative writing. As with the previous years, we ask for entries to be returned in January which will allow the girls the opportunity to develop their thoughts over the Christmas holidays.

Application process

- Students from all year groups will be able to submit an entry of up to 1,000 words (not including the title) to their school.
- Each school can submit one short story or creative writing piece for each of the following six year group categories. Vouchers for Waterstones or an independent bookshop near to the school will be awarded as follows:
 - Years 1 and 2 - £100
 - Years 3 and 4 - £100
 - Years 5 and 6 - £100
 - Years 7, 8 and 9 - £100
 - Years 10 and 11 - £100
 - Years 12 and 13 - £100
- Each entry should be typed on a Word document or (for Junior girls only, where illustrations are involved) uploaded as a scanned pdf, with the following information clearly indicated on the same page:
 - The student's name, school and Year
 - The title of the story
 - Number of words used (not including the title)
 - Confirmation that we have permission to publicise the piece and in particular post it onto the GDST website together with the student name
- In November, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their entries online.

GDST Minerva Prize

Key dates

November 2020 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

2 March 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive applications

Background information

The GDST Minerva Prize is awarded for all-round achievement.

There is one first prize worth £500.

Process

The Head is invited to nominate one candidate from Year 13 and is asked to submit their nomination online. The nomination will consist of the following:

- The nominee's personal statement (for the Minerva prize)
 - Typed and no more than three sheets of A4

Candidates are asked to divide their statements into the following three areas, using the closing paragraphs to draw any other areas to the attention of the adjudicators, as well as to provide a rounded picture of themselves. The statement should demonstrate past and present involvement in various activities within and outside school.

1. Academic achievements
 2. Contributions to school life and extra-curricular activities undertaken within school *e.g.* debating, Duke of Edinburgh awards, drama, music, sport
 3. Activities undertaken outside school including community service, paid work etc.
- The school's UCAS reference
 - Confidential report by the Head

Up to **eight** nominees will be selected by the panel of adjudicators for interviews in May. The interviews will either take place at Trust Office, or as an online interview or video submission. Specific details will be shared nearer the time.

GDST Pearson and Silver Awards

Key dates

December 2020 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

12 March 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive applications

Background information

The Pearson and Silver Awards are offered to pupils in GDST schools to assist towards the cost of attending meetings or courses or carrying out projects with a classical content, *e.g.* summer schools in Classical Greek or Latin at Bryanston, Durham or Repton Schools, University or King's Colleges, London, or Lampeter (Univ. of Wales).

Mr Bertram Pearson, CB, DSO, MC, MA, who was a member of the Council of the Trust from 1958 until 1969, died in 1984 leaving a share in the residue of his estate to the Trust with a request that it be used for the purpose of promoting and furthering the study and pursuit of classical learning in Greek and Latin in the schools of the Trust.

Since 2000, after augmentation of the capital of the Fund by an appeal in memory of Mrs Nancy Silver, a classicist and former Head Mistress of Streatham Hill & Clapham and Putney High Schools, the award to the most outstanding candidate of the year has been called the Nancy Silver Award.

Criteria for the award

The Sub-Committee considers that the best time for a recipient of a Pearson or Silver Award to attend a summer school or other course is usually in the break between the Year 12 and Year 13, and so grants will not normally be awarded to candidates in Year 13.

- Academic excellence in classical subjects
- Commitment to study a classical subject at university
- Contribution to school life
- Financial need
- Determination to overcome practical difficulties in studying classics at school where these are encountered

Application process

- In December, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their entries online.
- Each Head may nominate up to **three** candidates from the Senior School

Condition of the award

Recipients of the Pearson and Silver Awards are expected to provide a report on their course or project by October, sending it to gdstprizes@wes.gdst.net.

GDST Laurie Magnus Poetry Prize

Key dates

January 2021 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

25 March 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive poems

Background information

The Laurie Magnus Poetry Prize was established in memory of Laurie Magnus by his widow. Laurie Magnus was a GDST Council member from 1907, and Chairman from 1929 until his death in 1933. He also wrote The Jubilee Book of the Girls' Day School Trust (1923).

Prizes are awarded to six age groups for original poetry.

Process

- Each school can submit one poem for each of the following year group categories. Vouchers for Waterstones or an independent bookshop near to the school will be awarded as follows:
 - Years 1 and 2 - £100
 - Years 3 and 4 - £100
 - Years 5 and 6 - £100
 - Years 7, 8 and 9 - £100
 - Years 10 and 11 - £100
 - Years 12 and 13 - £100

- Poems must be typed in Word and must include:
 - the title of the poem
 - the name of the student
 - the school
 - the year group the student is in
 - Confirmation that we have permission to add the poem and student name to the GDST website

- In January, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their entries online

- The names of the winners will be announced by the end of the summer term or the beginning of the autumn term

GDST Frederica Lord University Scholarship

Key dates

January 2021 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

3 May 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive applications

Background information

The Frederica Lord University Scholarship has been instituted by Christopher Fildes in memory of his wife, Frederica Lord. Mr Fildes was for nine years a Trustee of the GDST. The scholarship will be tenable for three years, with an annual value of £1,000. The scholarship will support the holder in pursuing a recognised course of academic study at one of the universities as specified by the founder, and will support the holder in making the most of contributing towards university life.

The terms of the Scholarship reflect the commitment of the benefactor to ensuring that the full benefit of the higher education experience remains accessible to GDST students from a range of circumstances. The funding is intended to help students benefit from the broader range of university experience – travel, societies, and other wider intellectual pursuits.

There is no limit to the number of applications each school can submit and if applicable, students can apply for both the Frederica Lord University Scholarship and the Lorna Cocking Scholarship but will not be awarded both.

Eligibility

Candidates must be:

- In Year 13
- Attending a GDST Academy or school, preferably from the age of 11
- Currently in receipt of one or more of the following awards totalling 50% or more of the published fee:
 1. Trust Bursary
 2. Scholarship
 3. HSBC
 4. Founders' Award
- Applying to study at one of the following universities:
 - University of Birmingham
 - University of Bristol
 - University of Cambridge
 - University of Durham
 - Cardiff University
 - University of Edinburgh

- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Oxford
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University College London
- University of Warwick

Summary of the differences between the Frederica Lord University Scholarship and the Lorna Cocking Scholarship

The Frederica Lord University Scholarship is available to students applying to study at one of the universities listed. The funding is specifically intended to help the student benefit from the broader range of university experience such as travel, societies, and other wider intellectual pursuits. The terms of the Scholarship reflect the commitment of the benefactor to ensuring that the full benefit of the higher education experience remains accessible to GDST students from a range of circumstances. The applications will therefore be judged according to how the student would intend to use the funding to help them experience the broader university life.

The Lorna Cocking Scholarship is not as restrictive and it is not a requirement that a student intends to study at a specified university or college. There is also no requirement that the funding is used to help the student benefit from the broader range of university experiences. The applicant will simply be judged according to the impact that the Scholarship funding would have on them during the next stage of their education. While this will not be means tested, it will be important for the student to write about the impact the funding would have on them financially.

For both the Frederica Lord University Scholarship and the Lorna Cocking Scholarship, consideration will be given to the student's contribution to school life and their grades, so the head's supportive statement should reflect this.

Application

In January, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their entries online.

The nomination will consist of the following:

- Student statement for the scholarship
- Personal statement for UCAS
- Confidential report by the Head
- Reference prepared for UCAS

Consideration

The applications will be considered and the award made by a committee made up of Trust Office SMT. The scholarship's founder will not participate in this, but will hope to meet the scholars during their university careers. The recipients of the Scholarship will be asked to write a personal letter each year, by way of a progress report, to be sent in the first instance to gdstprizes@wes.gdst.net. Copies will then be passed onto the Scholarship's founder.

GDST Lorna Cocking Scholarship

Key dates

January 2021 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

3 May 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive applications

Background information

The Lorna Cocking Scholarship has been established to mark the outstanding contribution made by Lorna Cocking, who retired as Chair of the GDST in 2014, after a very successful seven year tenure.

The prize, which is awarded annually, is intended to help provide financial support for girls during the next stage of their education.

The scholarship will be tenable for three years and will have an annual value of £1,000.

There is no limit to the number of applications each school can submit and if applicable, students can apply for both the Lorna Cocking Scholarship and the Frederica Lord University Scholarship but will not be awarded both.

Eligibility

Candidates must be:

- In Year 13
- Attending a GDST Academy or school
- Currently in receipt of one or more of the following awards totalling 50% or more of the published fee:
 1. Trust Bursary
 2. Scholarship
 3. HSBC
 4. Founders' Award
- Applying to study in higher education

Summary of the differences between the Frederica Lord University Scholarship and the Lorna Cocking Scholarship

The Frederica Lord University Scholarship is available to students applying to study at one of the universities listed. The funding is specifically intended to help the student benefit from the broader range of university experience such as travel, societies, and other wider intellectual pursuits. The terms of the Scholarship reflect the commitment of the benefactor to ensuring that the full benefit of the higher education experience remains accessible to GDST students from a range of

circumstances. The applications will therefore be judged according to how the student would intend to use the funding to help them experience the broader university life.

The Lorna Cocking Scholarship is not as restrictive and it is not a requirement that a student intends to study at a specified university or college. There is also no requirement that the funding is used to help the student benefit from the broader range of university experiences. The applicant will simply be judged according to the impact that the Scholarship funding would have on them during the next stage of their education. While this will not be means tested, it will be important for the student to write about the impact the funding would have on them financially.

For both the Frederica Lord University Scholarship and the Lorna Cocking Scholarship, consideration will be given to the student's contribution to school life and their grades, so the head's supportive statement should reflect this.

Application

In January, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their entries online.

The nomination will consist of the following:

- Student statement for the scholarship
- Personal statement for UCAS
- Confidential report by the Head
- Reference prepared for UCAS

Consideration

The applications will be considered and the award made by a committee made up of a member of Trust Office SMT and Lorna Cocking. The successful applicant will be asked to email an update on their progress to gdstprizes@wes.gdst.net which will be shared with Lorna Cocking.

GDST Anne Hogg Modern Foreign Languages Prize

Key dates

February 2021 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

21 May 2021 – Deadline for Trust Office to receive nominations

Background information

The prize was established with the generous support of Dr. Anne Hogg, a former Chairman of the Council of the Trust and a linguist with a keen interest in the Hispanic languages.

The prize, which is available to be awarded annually in each school, is intended to recognise the work of pupils in Year 10, who are taking two or more modern foreign languages. This includes Welsh, where it is not the mother tongue.

The prize is to acknowledge excellence in achievement in two of those languages, both of which should be followed in school.

Criteria

- Each school should have established its own internal procedures/criteria to identify excellence; a significant element however, should be the girls' **oral competence** in the languages.
- There will not necessarily be a winner in every school each year, unless the expected standards have been met.
- Where there are two (or more) candidates of equal ability, preference should be given to a candidate who excels at Spanish, if there is one.
- Staff should not include a pupil's mother- tongue language in one of those assessed for the prize.

Process

- In February, the schools will be sent instructions on how to submit their nomination online.
- A certificate of excellence will be issued by Trust Office, recognising the pupil's achievement within the GDST. Each prize-winner will be presented with their certificate and school cup (theirs for the year). Please note the engraved cup is provided by the school.

GDST Somerville and Gurney Awards

Key dates

March 2021 – Information about the prize sent to schools and academies

W/C 14 June 2021 – specific date TBC – Exam to take place online

Background information

- Entrants for this award will sit a general paper which involves writing two essays.
- The first prize will be £500, second £300 and third £200.
- The winners will be announced at the beginning of the autumn term.

Criteria for the award

Candidates for these awards shall be:

- In Year 12 and
- Holders of Bursaries, Trust Entrance or Sixth Form Scholarships, or Honorary Trust Scholarships.

Please note that we do not insist that students who fit the criteria sit the exam – it is not mandatory.

Application process

Prior to the examination, schools will be asked to provide a list of the students who wish to take the exam.

The online examination will take place at a specific date and time for all students taking the exam. Further details will be confirmed at a later date.

The examination will take the form of a two-and-a-quarter hour general paper. This paper will be divided in two sections and candidates will be expected to attempt both, which will be given equal weight.