



Fund Criteria:

Castle Dairies Fund

Castle Dairies, based in Caerphilly, is a family owned brand that was set up in the 1960s. They supply dairy products to all the major supermarkets across the UK.

Nigel, the Managing Director, expressed his desire to set up a fund that would help young, talented **people in Caerphilly with a special interest in those wishing to study STEM subjects, but needed a financial boost to support** their ambitions.

The Castle Dairies Fund has a focus on supporting young people in further or higher education needing support within the county of Caerphilly. Those studying STEM subjects will be given priority.

Grants Available

- Individuals can apply for between £3,000 and £5,000. Please note, if you are applying for a **bursary, the duration of the grant will last for the full term of the qualification studied.**
- Organisations & Schools can apply for grants from up to £5,000

Who can apply?

Individuals, groups and organisations working with people who reside in the Local Authority area of Caerphilly. Only those living or working within Caerphilly can be considered for a grant.

Organisations:

- The fund will be used to support organisations and *schools to run projects that support disadvantaged young people, enhancing and improving their educational and career aspirations. Those concentrating on STEM subjects will be prioritised.

***Please note that any schools applying for this fund MUST be able to demonstrate that their project is extra-curricular and NOT statutory provision.**

Individuals can be supported to:

- Purchase technical equipment necessary for their study
- Cover the costs of further education of gifted and talented students who have experienced disadvantage and who are not economically able to support themselves through further study with a bursary for the duration of the course. Undergraduate level only, we do not accept applications for post-graduate study.



How to apply?

All groups must complete an online application form which can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs already incurred prior to receipt of the **grant offer letter and signed terms and conditions.**
- **Applicants must be able to demonstrate the financial/social need the grant will address.**
- **Grants will not be awarded towards costs where financial support is otherwise available e.g. tuition fees where the applicant is eligible for a student loan.**
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received support from this Fund.

Important Information for Organisations Applying: The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It requires organisations in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

We're keen to encourage organisations to think about not just the community in which they live and work, but also how their work aligns with and complements the services and activities of other groups and organisations both voluntary and statutory.

We would like you to think about how your organisation can work together with others to add value, working in partnership rather than in competition.

In your application, please explain your plans for the future as well as for the present, we would like to see how groups are thinking about the long-term impact of their decision making to work with and alongside others.