



Grant aid policy for assistance

The Chartered Secretaries' Charitable Trust will consider requests for financial support from individuals who find themselves in need who:

- are or have been members on the register or registers of The Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland.
- or current or former affiliate members, graduates, students or employees of the Institute, who have maintained a minimum continued relationship with the Institute as described above, of a period as defined by current guidelines. Trustees are only empowered to utilise income from 1 August 2013 if not otherwise restricted to support these new classes. Should it prove necessary, priority will be given to:
 - Graduates who have graduated within the last four years.
 - Affiliate members who have been affiliates for at least two years.
 - Students who have been students for a minimum of two years and a maximum of ten years, and who are or had been actively pursuing the Institute qualifying programme.
 - Employees and former employees of the Institute in the UK, or their subsequent employer being a successor to the Institute in the UK arising as a result of any constitutional change, who were or had been continuously employed for at least four years and
- those who are dependants as determined by Trustees.

Grants to individuals are issued at the discretion of the Trustees and with due accordance to the constitution and to the Charities Act 2011. Grants are reviewed when circumstances determine and at least annually.

Trustees delegate the consideration of all applications for assistance to the Support and Grants Committee, which holds a minimum of three meetings a year. Between meetings, the Chairman of the Support and Grants Committee has the power in urgent cases to make grants to a maximum amount of £1,000 and interest free loans to a maximum amount of £5,000 in any one case, which are later noted by the committee. Where there is an emergency and the Chairman is unavailable, the Charities Officer seeks a decision from either of the Chairman of Trustees or the Deputy Chairman of the Support and Grants Committee, who have like power to make a decision.

In respect of the total level of grant aid, grants and loans will continue to be made up to the annual sums available as defined by the Trustees.

The Grant aid policy is reviewed every three years, or earlier at the discretion of the Chairman of Trustees and the Chairman of the Support and Grants Committee.