



TOR LODGE AND APPECROSS TRUST

Tor Lodge and Applecross Trust is a registered charity set up to support the development of UK people within the cast metals and related industries. It does this by providing grants for foundry and related courses and for vocational development projects.

The Trust supports young people in attending college and or university, major conferences and exhibitions both in the UK and overseas and other companies and businesses as part of study tours.

Tor Lodge Trust was formed in 1988 from the proceeds of sale of the Tor Lodge building, an accommodation block for students at the National Foundry College in the West Midlands in the UK.

Its prime objective was to provide grants to cover the costs of accommodation for students wanting to study Foundry Technology. Following many changes to the way in which training and education is now provided to people wanting to study cast metals and related subjects the Trust is now able to support all kinds of learning programmes including: course costs, travel expenses, accommodation, conference and exhibition fees and any additional related costs involved with the development of the applicant's skills and knowledge.

Following the closure of the Voya Kondic Trust, all of its funds have been transferred to Tor Lodge and a bursary will be maintained in the name of Voya Kondic, a great foundry educationalist.

A great many people have benefited from the Trust and the financial assistance the Trust gives individuals helps them to realise their full potential and develop their careers.

Some beneficiaries tell their stories

Michael started his working life as an apprentice at George Fischer in Lincoln and needed assistance with his expenses for going to college in Coventry. His company supported his application to Tor Lodge, which was successful and he was able to begin studying whilst undertaking his apprenticeship.

Sadly, with the demise and ultimate closure of George Fischer, he was left to 'go it alone' in terms of his studying and the Trust once again came to the rescue by providing him with funding to go to university full-time. MC, who studied at Loughborough University, said: *'during the first year of university I needed a new computer for graphics for Auto CAD, the grant from Tor Lodge meant I could buy one and press on with my education, the financial assistance has really taken the load off, and has enabled me to concentrate on my studies and, let's face it, on enjoying the social aspect of university, as I am doing an engineering degree there is a lot of course work so I am not able to have a job as well, 'I am so grateful to Tor Lodge as it has made my apprenticeship and my university life much better.'* His father, echoed the sentiment enthusing: *'Tor Lodge has been very good to Michael, the Clerk, Andrew Turner is very supportive and helpful and the Trust has helped my son and will support his career in engineering once the apprenticeship finished because of the closure of George Fischer.'*

Alice was equally pleased with the support the Trust gave her, she said: *'During the first two years of my degree I was working with my company and Tor Lodge helped me with accommodation fees.'* She was made redundant last year and then worked for a steel company as part of her Material Science & Engineering Degree third year industrial placement. Specialising in Metallurgy, she spent much of her time commuting between her home, University and the company technical centre in Tees-side, she said the funds provided for this travel were 'a god-send' and allowed her to continue her studies and make in-roads into industry. She enthused: *'I am absolutely thrilled with the support from Tor Lodge'*.

Bob was working for an iron foundry and in the midst of a 5-year chemical engineering course at University at the time he received support from a Tor Lodge grant. The funding helped with travelling costs from University to the company in Telford and he is convinced that the Trust has given him a 'foot-up' the career ladder and helped him to focus on carving out the career that is right for him. He said: *'A charity like Tor Lodge gives you a buffer and makes a significant difference to your working life. It lets you concentrate on your studies and your practical work rather than worrying about the financial aspect of meeting your commitments, I think it is really important that it is not just available for apprentices, but that it is also open to university students in engineering faculties. It helped me with accommodation, study material and it took the worry away. I am very grateful.'*

24 casting industry apprentices benefited when they were granted funding to cover the cost of attendance at CASTcon in April 2018.

NOT JUST FOR INDIVIDUALS

Education and training is not always about academic study, it is often concerned with vocational people development and Tor Lodge recognises this by offering financial assistance to organisations to do just that.

ICME benefited from the Trust when groups of its Diploma learners and industry apprentices were able to access funding to cover the costs of works visits including transport and accommodation.

New Pro Foundries of West Drayton, London also benefited from financial support from Tor Lodge to take three employees off the shop floor and to the exhibition that accompanied a World Foundry Congress.

New Pro MD said: *'We are a small company and it is a big expense taking people to an international event, but the grant from Tor Lodge enabled us to do that. Our people have benefited and so have we, because it has exposed them to a different world outside the four walls of our own foundry. They saw equipment and other castings at the exhibition that has opened their eyes and they are the better for it. We would like to thank Tor Lodge for their assistance and support.'*





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Please read the guidance notes overleaf before completing this application form

Delegate/Student Personal Information:

Delegate/Student First Name:	Delegate/Student Surname:	D.O.B:
Delegate/Student Home Address: Post Code:	Home Telephone No:	
	Mobile Telephone No:	
	Email Address:	

Company/Employer Information:

Company Name:	Company Contact Name:
Address: Post Code:	Company Telephone No:
	Company Contact Mobile Telephone No:
	Email Address:

Delegate/Student Information:

Have you been a resident in the UK for the last 3 years? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Give date of the course / learning programme:
What is your current level of academic achievement or experience:	Have you received confirmation of attendance on the course? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If you are employed, please state your job title:	Please give a description of the course / programme:
Name of Course/Event you wish to follow:	How will you fund the course or Training programme: MYSELF <input type="checkbox"/> MY EMPLOYER <input type="checkbox"/>
Where will the course take place?	Do you expect to undertake the course / programme even if your grant is not successful? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Course/Event provider: <i>(University/College/Training Provider/Institute)</i>	Please state how this course will be of benefit to you, your employer and future career: <i>(You may attach a separate sheet if you wish – no more than 100 words):</i>
Course/Event provider contact name:	
Please indicate the full cost of the Course/Event including any expenses <i>(Please attach evidence of these costs)</i> £ _____	

I declare that the information given in this application is accurate and will inform the Trust of any changes.

I consent to my data being held and processed in accordance with the Tor Lodge Privacy Policy.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. Under the scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees of Tor Lodge and Applecross Trust are empowered to make grants to assist with the cost of training, education or continuing professional development of individuals involved with the cast metals or related industries.
2. The applicant may be following a full or part time course of study, involving a formal programme of training or education, or taking part in a learning programme approved by the Trustees.
3. A Tor Lodge Grant may be awarded for the 'sole' purpose of contributing to the costs and expenses of, a training or learning programme or in the enhancing of knowledge and experience.
4. A grant may be awarded to an applicant who is residing away, at home or with a relative, providing the Trustees are satisfied that the individual needs financial assistance to undertake the proposed course of study.
5. An Application must be completed by or on behalf of, and signed by, an individually named person.
6. Applications must be received on the appropriate form supplied by the Clerk of the Trust:
andrewturner01@btinternet.com
7. Grants may be made to one or more of a group of applicants to undertake a course, but each applicant must complete a separate application form.
8. Details of the course of training, education or learning programme proposed to be undertaken must be clearly stated and adequately described on the application form.
9. Tor Lodge Trustees will normally give preferential consideration to applications from younger persons who are involved with, or intend to enter, the cast metals industry.
10. All applicants should have been resident in the United Kingdom for at least 3 years.
11. Consideration will be given to applications for grants to assist with the costs incurred by students or trainees attending approved courses, conferences and or exhibitions. Other forms of study, or works visits may be considered, providing they form part of their course of education or learning and are deemed by the Trustees to benefit the individuals, their career development or the cast metals industry.
12. Any grant awarded, and its amount, will be at the sole discretion of the Trustees, who will act in accordance with the terms of the Trust taking into consideration all details given on the application form. The decision of the Trustees will be final and not subject to discussion with the applicant or any person acting on their behalf.
13. Your privacy is important to the Trustees, and we want to communicate with applicants in a way which has their consent, and which is in-line with UK law on data protection. As a result of GDPR, we now need your consent to contact you. Where you do not grant consent, we will not be able to use your personal data to contact you about your grant application. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Policy" which is available from our website, www.torlodge.org.uk
14. You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the clerk: Andrew Turner, email andrewturner01@btinternet.com
15. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.
16. These guidance notes will be reviewed by the Trustees from time to time.



Registered Charity No. 529009

Please return your completed form to The Clerk, Tor Lodge & Applecross Trust
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or email to: andrewturner01@btinternet.com