**Greenwood Educational Trust**

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Dear Friends,

Applications are once again invited from young people who are eligible for a grant from the Greenwood Educational Trust (GET). We consider the grants as an important form of gift from Quakers to our young people, to help and encourage them on their way in the world, in accordance with our Quaker values.

Grants are awarded annually: in 2023 GET trustees were pleased to award grants, ranging from £150 to £300, to 23 young people in Essex and Suffolk Area Meetings.

***APPLICATION CRITERIA***

***Beneficiaries are those under 25 at 1st September who are, or whose parents are, members or attenders of the Meetings in Essex and Suffolk and who are in need of financial support during their school, early university years or any other form of education including apprenticeships, further education qualifications or extra curricular activities or study.***

The Greenwood Educational Trust is derived from a foundation set up to administer the proceeds of the sale of a Friends school in Halstead run by Lucy Greenwood in the early 19th century.

Trustees are drawn from each of four Area Meetings in Suffolk and East Anglia: Ipswich & Diss, South East Anglia, Thaxted, and Mid Essex. Each Area Meeting appoints two trustees. *Paula Boughton and Gabrielle Rutter* are the trustees currently appointed by Ipswich and Diss Area Meeting.

The Trust is permitted to spend the income from an endowment fund but not the capital. Income comes from investments in the form of units with M&G Charifund and the Trust also benefits from a share in the profits of the Margaret Stubbs Memorial Fund which is managed by the trustees of Thaxted Area Meeting. Thaxted Area Meeting also supports any applicants from the AM with its own funds, matching grants made by the Trust.

Please can you encourage applications from or on behalf of those eligible young people whom you may feel may benefit from financial support: a subsequent supporting email from either a clerk, elder, pastoral carer or young persons coordinator, confirming the age of the applicant, stating briefly what the grant would be used for, to be emailed to Gabrielle or Paula **by Friday 21 June 2024.**

*In Friendship*

*Paula Boughton, Gabrielle Rutter GET trustees*