Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust

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GUIDANCE NOTES
Educational Bursary Application 2026
LEVELS 1-3

Background

Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust (the Trust) is a registered charitable trust with the stated objectives, including: '*to improve the quality and health of livestock in Great Britain for the benefit of the public by furthering research, disseminating the useful results of research, supporting new entrants to livestock farming and others developing their livestock enterprises and otherwise furthering education in livestock breeding, animal husbandry and related subjects.*'

In order to satisfy the Trust's objective, in recent years, the Trust has awarded over £100,000 in total annual grants.

Educational Bursaries

Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust supports Livestock Farming in Devon and Cornwall through Educational Bursaries, which are awarded to those intending to either be involved directly with Livestock Production or working in an ancillary profession that supports Livestock Farming.

A limited number of bursaries are available for suitable students:

- Lifetime limit of £4,000 per student
- Bursaries are awarded on merit and will take into account the educational level of the course being studied and number of applications received in each year
- Awards are made at the sole discretion of Trustees; whose decision is final.

Students may apply for an educational bursary annually, as long as all of the eligibility criteria are met. *Please note that a completed application form, but without references, is required for each successive year.*

The Trust is unable to award educational bursaries to students on their industrial placement year.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must meet all the following criteria: -

1. Resident in Devon or Cornwall* AND

2. Studying on a level 1-3 course at a suitable college in the United Kingdom, which includes aspects of livestock breeding, husbandry and welfare AND

3. Fulfilling the Trust's objectives to support those who intend to work directly in livestock production, or an ancillary profession that supports livestock farming, in the future.

Application

Applications should be completed and submitted online via the Trust's website: www.dcbt.co.uk

Completed applications should be submitted before the **closing date 31 October 2026**.

In the 'About You' section of the Application Form, applicants need to write a short paragraph about themselves, this should be prepared in advance to make the application process easier. Please note that you will not be able to save your online application part way through.

Applicants should provide details of someone they are happy for the Trust to contact for a reference. This should not be a member of the applicant's immediate family, but someone who they know well enough to provide a written reference.

Trustees may choose to interview eligible applicants. The board of Trustees, whose decision is final, will make the final annual awards. A successful applicant may re-apply for further educational bursaries during their course(s) up to the maximum lifetime limit of £4,000 per student.

*Applicants are advised this is a **competitive award.***

Terms and Conditions

Acceptance of a bursary will mean the recipient will:

1. Successful applicants should contact their admissions office and request an official 'Confirmation/Evidence of Study' document which should be emailed by the applicant to Trust.

2. Spend the money for the purpose approved by the Trust, and email confirmation of the safe receipt of the educational bursary.

3. Inform the Trust of any changes in the agreed programme of study or circumstances that prohibits continuation of the agreed programme of study. In exceptional circumstances, the grant may be withheld if the change in programme is not consistent with the Trust's Objective.

4. An annual progress report should be submitted to the Trustees to report on progress.

5. Notify the Trust Manager if you change your contact postal address, email address or mobile number.

6. Successful applicants agree that the Trust may publicise their names (only) in trade journals, the press and social media.

7. Under the Common Reporting Standards legislation, the Trust is required to ask your residential status for tax purposes and this is covered in the application form. This data will be held by the Trust and reported to HMRC if required, and from there, exchanged abroad, as necessary.

Approximate Timetable

Closing date for applications	31st October 2026
Applicant interviews (if any)	November 2026
Recommendation for awards to Trustees	November 2026
Decision of Trustees for awards	December 2026
Notification letter to successful applicants	December 2026
Confirmation of course uptake from educational establishments	December 2026 onwards
Payment to successful applicants	January 2027 onwards

Please note:
Payment of grant will only be made once the Trust Manager has received official confirmation from the university or college, via the student, to confirm their course registration and uptake for the academic year.

Educational Bursary payments will be made via BACS transfer. Successful applicants will need to provide their bank details when requested.

Please read the following section which details all of the information you require to complete the online application form – should you need any additional help, please email admin@dartingtoncbt.co.uk

Information required for completing the online application form

You will need ALL of the following information available to complete the application form.
You will need to complete a short paragraph about yourself ready to enter at the 'About You' section.
This online application form CANNOT be saved part way through.

Section 1: Personal Details

Title, Forename, Surname
Home Address & Post Code (this needs to be your Devon or Cornwall address to qualify)
Telephone Number
Email address
Date of Birth

Section 2: Education & Qualifications: (for GCSE's)

School/College attended
Year Started & Ended
Results attained

Section 3: Details of Course Attending:

Course Title
Qualification to be attained
Name of college
When did your course start?
How many years is your course?
Do you live in college accommodation whilst you are studying

Section 4: References:

Have you received an educational bursary from DCBT previously?
If yes, no additional references are required.
If no – you will need to provide contact details (name, telephone number & email address) for a referee.
Please note that the Trust will contact your referee to gain a reference.
References can be from your school tutor/college tutor/employer/family friend, etc. They should recommend why your application should be supported.

Section 5: About you…

Please write a short paragraph about yourself to give the Trustees brief details about your background, farming experience and interests, career ambitions and other information, including the need for financial assistance, as well as details of what you would put the bursary money towards. If you could add information about how you intend to support livestock farming in your future career, it would be useful. This is best prepared before you complete the application form, so you can copy and paste it into the application.

Section 6: Terms & Conditions

You will need to confirm that you have read the terms & conditions from these guidance notes.
You will need to type sign your signature.
You will need to confirm whether or not you are a UK Resident.