Tear-off reply slip

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- **Apply for help** ☐
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Please return to:
The Honorary Secretary
SWBT
16 Kent Street
Birmingham
B5 6RD

Who are the Trustees?

There are a maximum of ten Trustees at any one time who have a wide knowledge and varying experience as social workers. They give their time voluntarily to the Trust.

Trustees serve a maximum of two terms of three years on the Board. Vacancies are advertised in social work journals.

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Social Workers' Benevolent Trust

Giving financial help to people who are or have been engaged in professional social work

Charity No. 262889

About the Trust

The Social Workers' Benevolent Trust was established in 1971 on the initiative of the British Association of Social Workers (BASW) to offer help to social workers experiencing financial difficulties because of sickness, bereavement, family difficulties, increasing frailty or sudden catastrophe.

It is a small charity with limited funds. The Trustees meet six times a year to consider requests for assistance from social workers in need.

On average approximately 65 applications are considered and grants totalling £20,000 are distributed each year. These are to meet specific debts and needs of social workers in hardship.

Who can apply?

The Trust welcomes enquiries and applications from social workers who hold a professional social work qualification, or their dependents, in the UK.

Applications may also be considered from people who do not hold social work qualifications, depending upon the nature and length of their employment (a job description would be required).

Any applicant who does not hold a recognised social work qualification would usually need to have been employed in a post where they held case responsibility, where this would normally have required this qualification.

All applications are dealt with in confidence at the Trustees' bi-monthly meetings.

What we can consider

We provide grants for specific small debts or purchases which the applicant feels will make a tangible benefit. We do not usually make regular payments.

The Trustees do not normally make grants for costs associated with:

- supplementing income to cover daily living costs
- social work training
- costs of private health care
- costs of private education
- costs of private social care

How to apply

Applications for grants should be made on forms obtainable from the Honorary Secretary.

You can return the tear off slip on this form or you can email:
SWBT@basw.co.uk

How you can help

**The Trust is heavily dependent on donations to meet this level of demand.
We welcome donations (particularly with Gift Aid) and legacies.**

Please contact the Honorary Secretary for details.