

Heritage Crafts - Training bursary for precious metal crafts application questions, 2024

For reference only

Training bursaries

Apply for up to £4,000 to start training in a heritage craft or to further develop your skills, supported by Heritage Crafts and The Royal Mint.

You could be just starting out on your journey in precious metal crafts or at the point where you want to turn a hobby into a career, or you could already be a maker who is looking to further refine your precious metal craft skills.

Applicants can apply for a grant for any amount up to £4,000 which can cover or contribute towards:

- the costs of training with a craftsperson;
- the costs of attending a specialist training course;
- the costs of attending an accredited training course;
- undertaking a self-directed programme of training with one or more craftspeople;
- the cost of specialist tools or materials, books or study materials or low cost travel (no more than 25% of total budget).

The bursary cannot be used for general living expenses, research, promotional activities or anything else.

Successful applicants will be supported by the Heritage Crafts team. We will work with to you monitor progress and support you to achieve your aims.

Precious metals crafts are those which feature precious metal as a primary material. They can include but are not limited to jewellery making, silversmithing, coppersmithing, gilding, hand engraving, medal making, silver spinning, metal thread embroidery, engine turning (guilloché), concert flute making, and so on. If you have any questions about eligibility please get in touch with Tess Osman at tess@heritagecrafts.org.uk.

Please apply by filling out the form below. We will also accept a video application of no more than 15 minutes in length in which you address all of the questions in the form below.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 23 February 2024. If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please email Tess Osman at tess@heritagecrafts.org.uk.

If you are new to a craft and you would like assistance with finding a trainer, please get in touch and we will do what we can to help.

All questions marked * are mandatory.

About you

- First name*
- Last name*
- Business or organisation (if applicable)
- Address, including postcode*
- Email*
- Phone number*
- Website / social media (if applicable)
- Are you aged over or under 25? *
- Your craft / intended craft*
- Are you a Heritage Crafts member? (Yes or no) *

Your financial circumstances

This bursary is intended for those in genuine financial need. Please tell us as much as you can about why you need this bursary.

- Employment Status (note all that apply)*
 - Employed – full-time
 - Employed – part-time
 - Self-employed
 - Student – full-time
 - Student – part-time
 - Full-time carer
 - Full-time parent
 - Retired
 - Unemployed – receiving benefits
 - Unemployed – not receiving benefits
 - Unemployed – other income
- Your personal annual income from salary or self-employment *
 - £15,000 or under
 - £15,001 to £25,000
 - £25,001 to £35,000
 - £35,001 or above
- The combined income of your household (everyone you live with) from salary or self-employment*
 - £15,000 or under
 - £15,001 to £35,000
 - £35,001 to £55,000
 - £55,001 to £75,000
 - £75,001 to £95,000
 - £95,001 or above



- Other household income including benefits, tax credits, universal credit, rental income, pensions etc.*
 - £5000 or under
 - £5001 to £15,000
 - £15,001 to £25,000
 - £25,001 to £35,000
 - £35,001 or above
- Please tell us more about your financial circumstances and why you need this bursary to support your training.*

Your qualifications and experience

- Describe your heritage crafts experience (200 words max)* - If you have already trained, please include title of course or qualification, grade, organisation or business where training took place with dates. If you are new to craft training but feel that you have transferable skills and a passion for developing your skills, please tell us about it here.
- Other relevant qualifications - Please include title of course or qualification, grade, dates
- Describe any other relevant experience either inside or outside the craft sector (250 words max) - Salaried and/or voluntary – please include job title, dates, place of employment and a brief description of work undertaken

About the training/apprenticeship

- Who will provide the training/apprenticeship?* (If you need help with finding a suitable trainer or course, please get in touch with tess@heritagecrafts.org.uk)
 - An independent professional craftsperson
 - A crafts business
 - A retired craftsperson
 - A college, university or adult education centre
 - A craft guild, society or organisation
 - Other (please specify)
- How will the training be delivered?*
- Apprenticeship
- Informal one-to-one 'in the workshop'
- Evening class
- Part time course
- Full time course
- Other (please specify)
- Where will your training take place?* (including address and postcode)
- Who is the key person giving the training?* (including name, organisation/business, email and phone number) - This may be the craftsperson, tutor or course organiser. Heritage Crafts may contact them for more details.
- What date will you start the training/apprenticeship?*
- When do you expect to finish the training/apprenticeship?*
- How many hours per week will you be taught?*
- How many additional hours per week will you spend practising your craft?*
- Please give more details about your training/apprenticeship*



- Please indicate which precious metals you will use and the main techniques you will apply to them?*
- Explain why you need this training bursary*
- What are your plans for continuing your craft when this training/apprenticeship finishes? (250 words max)* - For example, will there be employment opportunities with your trainer? Do you plan to set up your own business?
- How much do you wish to apply for (up to £4,000)?* - You may apply for funding to cover a major cost (e.g. payment to the training provider) or a number of smaller costs, including tools or low cost travel (not more than 25%). Please note that if the bursary will be used to pay the training provider, Heritage Crafts will ask the training provider to confirm your apprenticeship/training start date before the bursary is released.
- Please give a financial breakdown of how the money will be used (specify individual items of expenditure and the costs associated with them)*

Reference

Please give the details of someone who can provide a reference in support of your application. The referee could be the training provider, the head of a craft organisation, or a previous trainer/teacher. Heritage Crafts may contact the referee for further information.

- First name*
- Last name*
- Organisation/business name (if applicable)
- Email address*
- Phone number
- Address including postcode*
- How do you know each other?*

Images

Please upload four images of different examples of craft you have already made. Please provide these images as jpeg files, no larger than 1Mb per image. Label the images with your name and the numbers 1 to 3. These should be included with your application submission (either online or with your video)

- Photographer credits (if known)
- Notes about the work pictured (optional)

Image Permission

- I own the copyright (or have authorisation from the copyright owner) and give permission for Heritage Crafts and The Royal Mint to use the attached images in print and online. By clicking 'I agree' you are bound by these terms.
 - I agree



Declaration

The information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief

In the event of being offered a bursary:

- I undertake to keep Heritage Crafts fully and immediately informed of all developments connected with this training
- I agree to use the bursary only for the purpose listed above
- I will provide regular updates to the Heritage Crafts' Grants and Awards Officer and a written and/or video report at the end of the training period.
- I will accept (by prior appointment) a visit from Heritage Crafts.
- I agree to a photograph of myself and images provided here being used by Heritage Crafts.
- I will cooperate with Heritage Crafts publicity requests wherever possible.
 - I agree

Thank you for completing this application form. Eligible applications will be carefully assessed and scored by a panel. Those with the highest combined score will be invited for interview, where awards will then be offered. Please keep in mind that this is a very competitive process and we always receive a lot more applications that we can fund.

If you have any questions or would like to talk over your training plans, please email Tess Osman at tess@heritagecrafts.org.uk.

If you are submitting a video application, or have any questions and would like to talk over your project idea, please email Tess Osman at tess@heritagecrafts.org.uk.