Information about the Sir William Lyons Charitable Trust

The Sir William Lyons Charitable Trust was founded in March 1968. Initially funds were distributed to a variety of causes but on the death of Lady Lyons, Sir William’s wife, her daughters were appointed Trustees. In 2006 the Trustees decided on a more focused approach to their support – supporting automotive engineering in Coventry and the Midlands, in memory of the interests and achievements of their father, Sir William Lyons, founder of Jaguar Cars. Engineering student bursaries at Coventry University were initially identified, but in 2011 the SWLCT decided to support the Arkwright Scholarship Trust as well. All Trustees meet annually for an AGM, and take an active interest in the students.

Please ensure you read all the guidance notes below BEFORE completing an application form to make sure you are eligible to apply.

Core Eligibility Criteria

1. UK full time undergraduates at Coventry University
2. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years are eligible to apply
3. Your home post code must begin with CV or B
4. You must have attended a secondary school (11 years – 16/18 years) in Birmingham or Coventry (post code of school must begin with B or CV)
5. You are studying one of the 16 eligible degree courses listed (see page 2)
6. For 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students applying – you must have achieved 59% overall or above from previous year(s).

Completing the Application Form

- All questions on the form must be answered
- Incomplete forms will be disregarded
- Questions 5, 6 and 7 require more detailed answers
- All forms must be signed and dated
- Applications submitted after the deadline date will not be accepted.
Other

- Scholarships are £1000 and paid in three instalments (£500, £300, £200)
- All successful applicants must sign a set of terms and conditions
- All successful applicants have to write a 500 word report in May 2020 prior to receiving the final instalment.

In the event that there are more applications than scholarships available, certain groups will take priority i.e.:

- 2nd and final year students
- Students who are first in their family to go to university
- Students from single parent backgrounds
- Students who do not have other scholarships
- Students with a home address in POLAR group 1 or 2

Eligible courses

1. Manufacturing Engineering
2. Electronic Engineering
3. Mechanical Engineering
4. Aerospace Systems Engineering
5. Electrical and Electronic Engineering
6. Automotive Engineering
7. Computer Hardware and Software Engineering
8. Motorsport Engineering
9. Aerospace Technology
10. Highways and Transportation Engineering
11. Mathematics
12. Statistics
13. Mathematics and Statistics
14. Mathematics and Physics
15. Physics