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AAT BURSARY

A GUIDE TO APPLYING

WELCOME TO THE AAT BURSARY A LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

AAT has been changing lives for over 40 years, offering practical accounting qualifications which are in demand from employers around the world.

In a year that has seen so many faced with financial difficulties, we're offering a unique opportunity to change someone else's life, with all costs covered.

A life-changing opportunity

Have you ever dreamt of being able to study for an AAT qualification without worrying about how much it will cost?

We're delighted to be able to offer an AAT Bursary which will see financially disadvantaged people being given a chance to change their lives.

It's an opportunity not to be missed.



“I’m delighted that we’re supporting those who need it the most – the AAT Bursary is a wonderful opportunity for people to change their lives, by gaining a qualification which is in demand by employers around the globe.”

Mark Farrar
Chief Executive, AAT

WHAT DO YOU GET AS PART OF THE BURSARY OFFER?

Accounting qualifications

- Foundation Certificate in Accounting – Level 2 (SCQF Level 5 in Scotland)
- Advanced Diploma in Accounting – Level 3 (SCQF Level 6 in Scotland)
- Professional Diploma in Accounting – Level 4 (SCQF Level 8 in Scotland)

Bookkeeping qualifications

- Access Award in Bookkeeping (Level 1)
- Access Award in Accounting Software (Level 1)
- Foundation Certificate in Bookkeeping (Level 2)
- Foundation Award in Accounting Software (Level 2)
- Advanced Certificate in Bookkeeping (Level 3)

Business skills qualifications

- Access Award in Business Skills (Level 1)

Diploma in Accounting and Business

- Foundation Diploma in Accounting and Business (Level 2) – 16–19-year-olds



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The whole process works on an application and judging process – all you need to do is follow the three steps below:

1

Check your eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a bursary, you must be:

- 16 years old or over
- a UK resident and wish to study here
- able to demonstrate that you're in genuine financial need.

2

Find a training provider to study with by visiting aat.org.uk/FATP

3

Apply for an AAT Bursary (5 March – 16 April 2021) by visiting aat.org.uk/bursary

TIMELINES

○ 5 March – 16 April

Open for applications – aat.org.uk/bursary

○ 28 May

Shortlist announced (Applicants will be informed by email and may be asked for more information at this stage).

○ 25 June

Final decision announced.* Successful and unsuccessful applicants informed by email.

*The decision of the AAT Judges is final.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The application itself consists of five sections:

1

Your contact information

This section will cover all your contact information to ensure we have the right details to contact you during the application process.

- Your name
- Your email
- Phone
- Address
- Training provider you are planning on studying with
- Contact name at training provider (tutor) if known
- Email address of tutor (if known)
- Contact number of tutor (if known)

2

What would you like to study?

We want to know exactly what it is you want to study.

Before completing this, you can speak to a training provider by visiting aat.org.uk/FATP – they will be able to advise you on the course that is right for you and the total cost of the course – this information should be included within this section.

Your fees should include:

- course fees
- learning materials
- assessment fees

Please note that the maximum amount per student is £5,000.

3

Tell us about your financial position (300 words)

This section will cover your financial information. Think about including the following in your response.

- Tell us why you are in financial need including your current financial situation.
- Show proof of income, expenditure and any debts where possible. You can upload documents.
- What other avenues have you explored to fund your studies?

4

Why are you applying for the AAT Bursary? (300 words)

For this section, we want to understand what has brought you here in the first place. Tell us your story. Paint a picture for the judges so they can truly understand the current situation you are in. Include information on the following in your response.

- Why do you want to study AAT?
- Where do you want to be in five years?
- Is there anything that may stop you completing?

5

Is there anything else you would like to tell us? (200 words)

In this section, please include anything additional you would like the judges to know about.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The AAT Bursary is offered to the person who is looking to study an AAT qualification and is in financial need.
- The bursary fees are paid directly to the training provider the applicant wants to train with (from the list of AAT Approved training providers).
- If awarded, the student is expected to complete the course in which the bursary is awarded for. On successful completion, they'll be able to apply for further levels providing they still meet the criteria.
- The student is not expected to pay any of the bursary money back.
- The bursary fees will cover the AAT level(s) mentioned in the application only.
- The fees covered are for AAT enrolment, course materials, tuition and assessments only.
- If you need to change your training provider throughout your studies, you'll need to contact AAT immediately at bursaries@aat.org.uk

Apply for an AAT Bursary at aat.org.uk/bursary

Call us on **+44 (0)20 3735 2400**.

Lines are open 09.00 to 17.00 (UK time), Monday to Friday.

Email us at bursaries@aat.org.uk or visit aat.org.uk/bursary



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