GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

About the Charity
The Charity was formed in 1980, following the closure of the College of Sarum St Michael, which was the Church of England College of Education in Salisbury’s Cathedral Close. The assets were sold and the money invested to form a trust fund.

The Governors of the Charity are
The Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean of Salisbury, the Diocesan Director of Education, the Chapter Clerk of Salisbury Cathedral, the Diocesan Secretary and persons appointed by the Salisbury Diocesan Synod and the Board of Education. Additional Governors may be co-opted.

THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY
is the advancement of education in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England in one or more of the following ways:

a   the promotion of the education and training of persons who are, or intend to become teachers;
b   research into and development of religious education;
c   the support of chaplaincy services of students;
d   the provision of educational materials and the promotion of educational events;
e   making grants to persons in need of financial assistance to enable them to pursue their higher or further education.

In considering applications, the Governors:

a   give due regard to the promotion of training and the support of leaders in the Christian nurture of children, young people and adults in the parishes of the Diocese of Salisbury;
b   place weight upon evidence of a Christian commitment;
c   look for a reasonable measure of self help;
d   consider the degree of need indicated in the application;
e   have regard to other potential sources of grant or income.

The Governors do not:

a   normally contribute towards maintenance, unless an integral part of a residential course;
b   make grants for buildings, fixtures or fittings;
c   make retrospective grants;
d   contribute to the general funds of any organisation.
NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF APPLICANTS

School grants (restricted to the Diocese of Salisbury)
Grants are awarded in accordance with the object of the Charity. No more than one application may be made per academic year.

Corporate grants (restricted to the Diocese of Salisbury)
These grants are awarded for specific projects and progress reports are expected.

Parish grants (restricted to the Diocese of Salisbury)
Grants are awarded in accordance with the object of the Charity.

Teaching Bursaries 2007
These are awarded to students who wish to specialise in Religious Education and who intend to teach in Primary or Secondary Education. The applicants must live in the Diocese of Salisbury or in an adjoining Diocese. (Mature students should contact the Clerk for further details). Applications should be made via the school or college, to reach the Charity by 1st June.

Personal grants
Preference is given to former students of the College and to applicants who live or work in the Diocese of Salisbury or adjoining dioceses. The Governors will consider the course of study and how it assists the applicant in pursuing his or her career and in the service of others. Grants may be awarded for courses of up to 4 years: a progress report is expected before the next instalment of grant is given. Grants are not normally awarded for first degree courses. The minimum age for applicants is 16 years.

Offers of grants will lapse if not claimed within one year.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for grants must be made on the appropriate form, available from the Clerk to the Governors. The applicant must complete the form personally and provide as much detailed information as possible.

Meetings of the Governors are held 5 times a year. Please enquire about closing dates for applications, bearing in mind that grants are not awarded retrospectively.

References should be arranged by the applicant and must be received by the closing date.