



FIN012 CHALLENGERS BURSARY POLICY

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1.PURPOSE

This policy outlines the application of Challengers Bursary Policy to ensure that this policy is applied fairly and transparently.

2.COMMUNICATIONS

Information about Challengers bursary is available on the web site www.disability-challengers.org or from the Community Liaison Manger at The Hub on 01483 961962.

3.WHAT IS A BURSARY?

Challengers believe that all children and young people should have the right to play. The Challengers bursary fund has been developed to assist individuals who may have difficulties attending because of financial considerations.

Challengers will fundraise each year to provide a small fund that will be reserved specifically for the bursary scheme.

The fund can be used to clear fees for sessions already attended or for future sessions.

4.WHO CAN APPLY?

- Challengers will accept all applications where need is demonstrated and can be supported by a professional working with the family.
- Each application for bursary funding will be judged on its own merits, so it is in the interest of applicants to provide as much relevant information as possible in their application.
- You can apply for a bursary to help with the fees for Play or Youth sessions.

5.HOW MUCH IS AWARDED?

The fund is sustained by voluntary donations so will vary year to year. The amount awarded to each applicant will be decided by the Bursary Panel.

6. WHEN AND HOW DO I APPLY?

- Applications are accepted at any time throughout the year
- Each applicant will need to complete the online Bursary Application form with details of their circumstances and provide the contact details of a professional who knows the family to provide a supporting letter. This can be a teacher, support worker, social worker, Challengers Scheme Leader or another person who has supported the family in a professional capacity.
- Each application will be considered by an independent panel.
- A decision will be made and notified to the applicant.
- All decisions of the panel are final and may not be appealed.
- Your application form and any supporting documents will be destroyed once your application has been processed.

7. FEEDBACK

We may ask each family receiving the award to fill in a simple questionnaire about the impact that the award has made. Challengers will use this information to report back to those who have donated to the fund and help promote future donations.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If successful, the award will be applied to your Challengers account. This can then be used towards future bookings or to pay off outstanding invoices.
- If a bursary funded session is cancelled and the credit not used for another session the refund for the session will be allocated back to the bursary fund not refunded to the Parent or Young Person.

9. DOCUMENT CHANGE HISTORY

Plan Version No.	Release Date	Summary of Changes	Section No./ Paragraph No.	Changes Made By
1.	March 2017	New policy		
2.	October 2017	Updated	8	Amanda Matthews
3.	February 2018	Added detail relating to the destruction of the application form and information contained within	6, 9	Amanda Matthews
4.	March 2023	Revised application process, removal of application form	2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9	Zoe Youkee
5.	June 2026	Removed references to Pre-School	4	Zoe Youkee