

The Northumberland Federation of WIs awards biennially a Centenary Bursary by offering to a young woman from our area some financial help with her continuing education. This is in accordance with one of the declared roles of the WI which is to provide educational opportunities for women.

There are a number of points which will be considered in awarding the Bursary:-

- This Bursary is available to any young woman who satisfies the other criteria listed below irrespective of the subject she wishes to study.
- The Bursary will be awarded to a student who will start her course in September/October 2022.
- The home of the applicant must be in the area covered by the Northumberland Federation of WIs. This area is the whole of Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle upon Tyne.
- Applicants must be attending a school in the area covered by the Northumberland Federation of WIs during the 2021/2022 academic year.
- Applicants must have already secured a place on the course they intend to take (subject to successful examination results as appropriate).
- Applications for the Bursary must be made directly by the student themselves and not by the school or anyone else on their behalf.
- The applicant will be required to give the names of two people who are prepared to give her a reference. One of these must be from the Head Teacher or senior member of staff from the school she is attending.
- The value of the Bursary will be a total of £2,000.
- The money will be given in stage payments. £1,000 in the week that the course starts and a further £1,000 in the following January 2023.
- If the student drops out of her course within this year, the money must be repaid. If the student transfers to another course, then she retains the Bursary.
- Applications must be made on the form provided and be accompanied by a letter as requested. These must be sent by post to Mrs. Marjorie Read, Northumberland Federation of WIs, Cresswell House, 11/12 Brenkley Way, Blezard Business Park, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 6DS by the closing date of 21st March 2022. Email applications will not be accepted.
- In April, applicants will be selected and will be invited to Cresswell House, the Federation Office, for an informal discussion with members of the Board of Trustees. A shortlist of candidates will be compiled for a more formal interview at a later date.