

## **THE BENVOLENT SOCIETY – HOW IT CAN HELP YOU**

### **General financial assistance**

Available for individuals who currently work or have previously worked in the giftware industry and are experiencing financial hardship. The charity provides support in the form of regular monthly or quarterly grants, or one-off grants for essential expenses such as the replacement of white goods.

### **Cost of living support fund**

Only available to individuals who are current or previous members of the GA. One off grants of £750 are available to help to alleviate some of the impact of rising living costs. Applicants must use the following link to apply:

[Cost of living support fund application](#)

### **Bursaries**

Bursaries of up to £9,000 for education/training are available for individuals who currently work or are embarking on a career in the gift industry, applicants must be 21 or over and have been offered a place on their intended course. All courses run by accredited providers are considered.

### **Fuller Foundation**

A legacy trust providing bursaries of up to £15,000 to support individuals who are looking to advance their careers within the company in which they are currently employed. It provides financial support for applicants who wish to undertake continuing professional development, training and/or education, which will enable them to progress their managerial competences to director/executive competency level within the industries covered by the trades embraced by the British Allied Trades Federation. Its purpose is to support individuals looking to advance within a company to enable a managerial or directorate level change to both the individual and the company through the study and application of continuing professional development, training, and education at management/director level.

All grant and bursary applications are assessed by the board of trustees on a case-by-case basis and are awarded according to the applicant's individual circumstances and financial situation. Grants and bursaries are for individuals only, not to support businesses or business start-ups. The board of trustees review all applications at their quarterly meetings, however if any applications are deemed urgent, they can be reviewed via email by the trustees between meetings.