



Milton Abbey Association Gap Year Grants

The Milton Abbey Association (MAA) is the representative body of pupils and staff who have attended Milton Abbey School.

In 2013, the MAA launched a new programme to award two grants to M6 pupils who are taking a Gap Year and are planning to participate in an educational, vocational, adventurous or charitable project during the year. The grants are for £1,000 each and must be used within a calendar year of the grant having been awarded. The MAA reserves the right to issue more than one grant in a given year - or indeed none at all, depending on the quality of the applications received.

Grant Criteria:

- The individual's chosen project can be in either the UK or abroad. It must be *bona fide* and be registered and accountable in the UK or its country of origin.
- All monies awarded need to be accounted for.
- The individual must spend a minimum of two weeks (14 days) consecutively at or with their chosen project.
- Following their participation, the individual will be asked to give a presentation at a school event explaining how they spent their time and money. It is expected this presentation will be to current pupils and staff.

Application Process

The application process will be competitive and consist of two stages.

Stage 1 – The first stage will be a written submission to be judged by a panel, comprising two MAA Committee members and the MAA Manager. The submission must be in the following format:

- No more than five slides of a power point presentation or two sides of A4.
- Include explanations of the following:
 - Why the chosen project is important to me
 - What the money will be spent on
 - Why I should be awarded the grant

A number of applicants may be shortlisted at this point to proceed to stage two.

Stage 2 – The second stage will be a verbal presentation, given to the same judging panel, which must be no more than ten minutes in duration and must cover the four key areas outlined in the original submission in stage 1.



The successful grant recipient(s) will be chosen following these presentations and the individuals will be notified as soon as possible following this decision. The grants will officially be presented to the successful pupils on Speech Day.

Submission Details

Stage 1 closing date for submissions is: **Friday 20th April 2018**

Stage 2 presentation date is: **Wednesday 25th April 2018**

Mentoring

During the process participants can ask advice on any aspect of the presentations, and the ethos of the grants, from the MAA Manager - Hugo Mieville.

Submissions

Submissions should be sent to:

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