

# THRIVE NOT JUST SURVIVE GRANT



## Information Pack

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## Who can apply?

### Is the *Thrive Not Just Survive* grant for me?

If you have an education or employment ambition that has been affected by your cancer this grant may be of interest to you. CLIC Sargent are hoping to run this grant at more regular intervals, however this is the first and pilot round.

The *Thrive Not Just Survive* grant is part of CLIC Sargent's offer to support young people back into education and employment, so as long as your ambition has a clear education or employment purpose then consider applying! These grants are being funded by Societe Generale, one of the leading European financial services groups and a key corporate partner of CLIC Sargent.

### Who can enter?

You can make an application if you meet the following criteria:

- Diagnosed with cancer or bone marrow failure before your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Eligible for free NHS cancer treatment within the UK.
- Currently aged between 14 and not yet had your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday; **or**
- If over the age of 25 are within one year of coming off active treatment.

## What can I apply for?

All applications must support you with an education or employment/career ambition. This could include training, equipment, clothing, experiences. Checkout the following examples but these don't cover everything!

- Support with course fees
- Extra tuition
- Specific laptop e.g. for a design course
- School trip or excursion e.g. exchange student
- Setting up a business or community scheme
- Tools for an apprenticeship
- Language lessons
- Coaching certificate
- Course books and materials
- Expenses for vocational learning/unpaid internships

The grant has to support you achieving an education or career goal so cannot include things such as driving lessons, holidays, etc.

## Application process

### How do I apply?

There is no standard application form you must complete; instead there is a list of key questions you must answer. These are:

1. What is your education/employment ambition and how do you plan to achieve this?
2. How has your cancer diagnosis impacted achieving this ambition and why is your aspiration important?
3. How will the grant help realise your ambition and what will success look like once you've achieved it?
4. How else have you tried to achieve this ambition? This could include other funding routes that you have explored. (This is not applicable for all applications so don't worry if this doesn't apply to).

The application must also include:

- Personal contact details (name, date of birth, email, mobile number)
- Details of whether you have received support from CLIC Sargent in the past including the names of social care staff who worked with you
- Consent form
- A personal reference from someone willing to support you to achieve this
- Medical verification if you have not already received support from CLIC Sargent

However, how you apply is completely up to you. There is no set application but it must answer the questions above; so you could apply by creating a video, writing a letter or writing a business case. You can also attach supporting evidence e.g. examples of your work. Written entries should keep to max. 3000 words, files under 15MB and videos or audio entries under 10 minutes.

The closing date is **11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**.

## Where do I apply?

There are two options:

1. You can send your application into:

Kate Frewer – Project Support Officer  
CLIC Sargent  
No 1 Farriers Yard  
77-85 Fulham Palace Road  
London  
W6 8JA

2. Or via email: [TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk](mailto:TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk)

## How much money can I apply for?

There are three levels of grant:

- Bronze: £0 - £1000
- Silver: £1000 - £3000
- Gold: £3000 - £5000

Your grant application has to be for a specific amount and has to clearly explain what the money will be used for. If you are applying for a gold or silver grant there are also additional criteria you have to meet; these include:

<b>Gold</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to discuss application to One Team panel consisting of CLIC Sargent and Societe Generale employees preferably in Societe Generale's London office or over Skype if coming to London is not an option</li> <li>• Agree to impact reporting up to two years after the grant is awarded</li> </ul>
<b>Silver</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree to impact reporting up to one year after the grant is awarded</li> </ul>

## Is there such a thing as an entry being 'too small'? I'm worried my idea isn't exciting enough, what should I do?

No idea is too small. No matter how small or seemingly insignificant your request is, if it is helping you get back on track with a career ambition or educational studies that cancer has got in the way of then we want to hear about it.

## Is there such a thing as an entry being ‘too big’?

Ideas wise, absolutely not! But please bear in mind the biggest grant is for £5,000.

## Do I need to include medical verification?

If you have received support from CLIC Sargent and we have your details on file then you do not need to include medical verification. If this is the first time CLIC Sargent has supported you then it is unlikely we will have your details and will need to confirm the information you have provided is valid and correct. You will need to provide details of your elected clinician or nurse including:

- Position/job title
- Contact details (telephone and NHS email address)
- Name and full address of the hospital they are based in

## I don't feel ready to chase my ambition just yet but could really do with some financial help, do you have any advice?

You may be eligible for other grants and you may also be entitled to payments from the government to help deal with the extra costs of your cancer. If you want to find out what grants you could apply for then check out the grants search here: <https://www.clicsargent.org.uk/content/grants-database>

The benefits calculator which can be found <https://www.clicsargent.org.uk/content/benefits-calculator-2> makes it easy to find out how much you might be entitled to from the government. But we know the world of benefits is incredibly confusing so pick up the phone and call **0800 915 4439** to speak to our welfare advisor, email them at [welfareadvice@clicsargent.org.uk](mailto:welfareadvice@clicsargent.org.uk) or book a Skype appointment here: <https://www.clicsargent.org.uk/forms/welfare-advice-service>

## I don't know what job I want to do yet, am I still able to apply?

These grants are designed to support you to achieve your employment or education goals. If you don't know what career you want to pursue but you recognize that your education is important to allow you to keep your options open for now then you might choose to use this grant for additional tutoring or to fund you during an unpaid internship.

## Review process

### What are the judges looking for?

The One Team panel will consist of members of CLIC Sargent and Societe Generale. They will be looking to see whether your application provides enough detail and passion in response to the key questions listed above. Most importantly the One Team panel are looking to see that this grant will

have a difference on achieving your career goal. If you want more detail then check out the 'assessment criteria' the panel will be referring to when reading applications.

## I've applied for a gold grant. Do I have to discuss my application with the One Team panel?

Talking in front of strangers? You either love it or you hate it. However, see this as a great opportunity to perfect your presentation skills. The gold grants are for a significant amount of money so the panel want to understand your passion in more detail by asking you about your application in person.

This will take place on **December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018**. We would suggest that you prepare a 5 minute presentation which will be followed by questions from the panel. The whole process should take no longer than 20 minutes. This will take place in Societe Generale's London office ([address here](#)). Don't worry, all travel costs will be paid for.

If travelling to London is out of the questions due to work or school commitments, or if you're not feeling up to it, then there is an option to Skype, although we'd much rather meet you in person!

However, we know not everyone loves talking in front of strangers. So we will offer you a coaching session with a member of staff from Societe Generale to help you prepare for the discussion, explain what to expect and give you advice tailored to your application.

Please note that if you are under the age of 18 and are asked to join us in London to discuss your application you will need to be accompanied by an adult.

## Successful applicants

### How long do I have to spend the money?

You have 12 months.

### What if I get a grant and then become too sick to spend the money on what I had planned to?

Don't worry, we won't come knocking at the door to take it back! It's important you let us know and we will then work with you to find a solution which works best for you. Feel free to get in contact if you are worried about this.

### Is there anything else I could gain from applying for a TNJS Grant?

If you apply for a gold grant and are shortlisted you will also benefit from coaching sessions with industry professionals in presentation skills, how to sell yourself and your idea, and improving your employability.

## What is the impact reporting all about?

If you are awarded a gold or silver grant CLIC Sargent will get in touch at regular intervals to find out how it's going. You may be asked to complete a short survey or speak to a member of CLIC Sargent so we can understand the difference the grant is making to you. For the gold grants, this will continue for up to two years post grant and for silver grants up to one year.

## Unsuccessful applications

### Will you give me feedback if I am unsuccessful?

The applicants that apply for a gold grant and meet the One Team panel for a discussion about their application will receive feedback. For applicants who apply for a silver or bronze grant feedback will be provided where possible. However, this is the first time we have offered this grant and if we receive high interest it may not be possible for all silver and bronze applications to receive feedback.

## Help with applications

### I'm trying to upload a video, can you help me?

Of course, check out our handy 'top tips' PDF on the webpage here: [www.clicsargent.org.uk/thrive](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/thrive)

### What should the personal reference include?

This should be from someone who is willing to support you in achieving your goal. The One Team panel is looking for an explanation as to why your referee thinks you will succeed with your ambitions and details of any relevant skills and experiences that have inspired you to apply for this grant. The referee should also outline how they will support you with your goal and could include how the grant will impact your life.

Check out the handy 'top tips' PDF on the webpage here: [www.clicsargent.org.uk/thrive](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/thrive)

### Who can I ask for help with my application?

Perhaps you have an idea that you'd like to apply for but you're not sure whether it fits the criteria or overall aim of the TNJS grant. If this is the case then please contact us at [TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk](mailto:TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk)

You may have written your application and would like someone to read over it before sending it to CLIC Sargent. Societe Generale employees may be able to review your application and provide

feedback. If you're looking for this support please email [TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk](mailto:TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk) before **26<sup>th</sup> October** with your draft application.

If you're still receiving support from your CLIC Sargent social worker then feel free to mention it to them. However, this grant is very different to CLIC Sargent's other grants, which are normally applied for by your social worker. This application is 100% yours and your social worker cannot apply on your behalf so we really encourage you to take ownership! If you're not currently receiving support from a CLIC Sargent social worker but want to talk to someone about the application then please get in contact.

## I can't find the answer to my questions!

Feel free to get in contact with us at [TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk](mailto:TNJS@clicsargent.org.uk)