

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 diagnosis this grant may be of interest to you.

The *Thrive Not Just Survive* (TNJS) 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 25th birthday.
- Eligible for free NHS cancer treatment within the UK.
- Currently aged between 14 and not yet had your 25th birthday; **or**
- If over the age of 25 are within one year of coming off active treatment.

- If you applied and weren't successful for the Bronze, Silver and Gold TNJS grant 2018, you can reapply this year but double check the criteria to make sure your application is as strong as it can be.
- If you received the Bronze TNJS grant 2018, you can reapply this year, but double check the criteria to make sure your application is as strong as it can be.
- If you received the Silver or Gold TNJS grant 2018, you won't be eligible to apply this year.

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
- 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
- Specific laptop and/or software e.g. for a design course, you will need to evidence why this is of up most importance as last year we had over 50 requests for laptops and were therefore unable to fund all of these through the TNJS grant. There is a cap of £300 that can be put towards a laptop from this grant for this reason.

The grant has to support you achieving an education or career goal so cannot include things such as driving lessons, holidays, etc and the grant cannot be used retrospectively, i.e. for something you have already paid for.

Application process

How do I apply?

Please complete the web form online (www.clicsargent.org.uk/thrive). There is no set way to do your application, be inventive! Your application could be in an essay format, a letter, a video or a business plan. However you choose to present your application, there are key questions you must answer. These are:

1. What is your goal or ambition?
2. How will the grant help you to achieve this goal?
3. How has your illness affected you in trying to achieve your ambition?
4. How have you worked towards this ambition so far?
5. Have you applied for any other funding? (Please list)

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 you).

You can also attach supporting evidence e.g. examples of your work. Written entries should be under 3000 words (but does not have to be this long!), files under 15MB and videos or audio entries under 10 minutes. You can find examples of what a good application looks like [here](#).

The closing date is **Sunday 22nd September**

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:

Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Agree to impact reporting up to two years after the grant is awarded
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to impact reporting up to one year after the grant is awarded

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 we will need to confirm the information you have provided is valid and correct. If you are chosen for the grant, 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 or book a Skype appointment here: <https://www.clicsargent.org.uk/forms/welfare-advice-service>

Review process

What are the panel 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 you achieving your career goal. If you want more detail then check out the 'TNJS checklist for YP' which 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 **Tuesday 22nd October**. 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 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.

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.

Help with applications

We'd really like to hear directly from you (the young person) and can only accept applications that have been written by yourself unless there are extenuating circumstances which would mean you'd need a hand. Please include details of this in your application.

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

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

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