Aylesham Parish Council
Aylesham Aspiration Fund- Eligibility and Grant Criteria

Applicants must:

1. Have lived in Aylesham Parish for at least 12 months
   (Committee discretion may be used in care-placement or emergency-relocation cases).
2. Be aged 18–21 at the time of payment
   (applications permitted up to 3 months before 18th birthday).
3. Be entering post-18 education, an apprenticeship, or recognised vocational training for the first time.

Grant rules:

- One grant per individual (up to £150).
- Unsuccessful applicants may reapply.
- Eligible costs include:
  interview travel, open-day visits, workwear/professional clothing, books/materials, tools and equipment for apprenticeships, membership/registration fees, and essential items for accommodation moves.
- Excluded costs include:
  tuition fees, rent, day-to-day living costs, ongoing travel, and informal family payments.

Payment & Monitoring

- Grants are paid **in advance** to support affordability.
- Evidence of progression (interview invitation or enrolment/offer) is required.
- Receipts may be requested as part of governance monitoring.
- Payments are made only to the applicant's own bank account.

Data Protection

Personal data will be handled in accordance with the Parish Council's GDPR-compliant policies.

Decision-Making

Applications to the Aspiration Fund up to a maximum of £150 per applicant to be determined each month by Full Council except during August due to Council Recess.