

The Stephen Dadson Educational Foundation

The Stephen Dadson Educational Foundation was founded in 1716 by Stephen Dadson, a local builder who didn't have the opportunity of an education himself, but was inspired to found Smarden and Bethersden Schools. The charity supports young people who have attended Smarden or Bethersden schools as they go into further or higher education. Dadson left two farms and a house in his will to provide for a school for pupils from Smarden and Bethersden. Initially, the school was located in the church and then moved to the Street in what is now "The Old School House" (also said to be the original site of the Chequers inn).

The house in the Street eventually became dilapidated and in October 1864 the school moved to a new site at today's Smarden Primary School on land gifted by William Hinds. The building cost was £915 and 12 shillings.

Today the Trust continues to provide assistance to Smarden villagers for educational purposes as they go into further or higher education. To be eligible for a grant a student needs to have attended either Smarden or Bethersden Primary Schools for a minimum of 2 years. or to be a resident of either village. Contact: Kathy Wilson 770144 or will.kath@hotmail.co.uk

An application form is below:

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STEPHEN DADSON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

1st 2nd 3rd Application for Grant (delete as necessary)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE/MOB NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH:

SCHOOLS ATTENDED (give dates)

EXAMINATIONS PASSED (with grades & dates)

Date	Exam	Grade	Date	Exam	Grade

PRESENT OCCUPATION & EMPLOYER (if applicable)...

DETAILS OF COURSE OF STUDY

PLACE:

COURSE TITLE:

COURSE BEGINS:

ENDS:

WILL YOU BE RESIDENT OR TRAVELLING DAILY?.

TYPE OF TRANSPORT?

ESTIMATED TRANSPORT COST:

Please state briefly your reasons for applying to The Trustees for a Grant, e.g Equipment, books, fares etc.

Are you or will you be receiving any other form of Grant?

If YES, please give details of source & amount per annum

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Name and address of person willing to give reference if required:

Please return completed application to:

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