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## the story

Roy and Mary Lidstone were both born in South Devon and returned here after Roy's military career saw him travel all over the world with Mary always at his side.

After joining up as a boy soldier, Roy rose to the rank of Colonel, working in communications in places as far flung as Germany, Singapore and Hong Kong. During his time in service, Roy studied and gained two Open University degrees and always saw himself as a life long learner.

Family circumstances meant neither Roy nor Mary were able to pursue their education beyond the age of sixteen—despite Roy's obvious acumen and Mary's great talent for and love of music.

Perhaps because they were unable to pursue their own academic careers, it was always their wish that their legacy should be used to enable young people to follow an academic dream which might otherwise, through financial circumstances, not be possible.

After Mary's sad death in 2010, Roy Lidstone put in place arrangements to create the Mary Lidstone Trust to benefit students (current and former) of King Edward VI Community College. Roy was supported in this work by friends and neighbours Anne and Charlie Stephens, who now both act as Trustees for the Mary Lidstone Trust.

Along with three other Trustees, Anne and Charlie will do their utmost to respect Roy's final wishes and see his and Mary's dream of supporting young people to access higher and further education become a reality.

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## the application process

The Trust seeks to provide financial support of sufficient level to enable a range of young people to access higher or further education over the years to come. The level of support will vary according to need but the Trust will seek to support students over the full course of a university degree, or other further education course.

Grant recipients are chosen on merit through an application and interview process. Eligibility to apply for a grant is subject to a means test.

Grants are awarded up to a maximum level of £5,000 per year of the supported course, i.e a three year course could see support of up to a maximum £15,000 awarded over the three years.

## the application timeline

1. **Register your interest** by using the following email address:  
marylidstonetrust@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk
2. **Return application forms** and supporting statements by email as above or by post to Amanda Lane, Mary Lidstone Trust, King Edward VI Community College, Ashburton Rd, Totnes TQ9 5JX by **31st March**.
3. **Interviews** will take place in May.
4. **Successful applicants** will be notified in June.

This will be a 'decision in principle'. Payment of grant will be subject to the successful applicant securing a place on an appropriate course.

Please Note applications for grants should only be made for courses commencing in September. Students intending to defer the start of their course until the following September should apply next year.

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