



THE MATHER TRAVEL AWARD

Criteria for application:

The DHSA MATHER Travel award is designed to help Downe House girls to travel in order to broaden their horizons. Whether it be volunteering, conservation, or playing sport abroad, this fund will support applications that show a sense of adventure and initiative.

Timing:

Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Terms & Conditions:

- Applicants must have left Downe House before July 2024
- Travel awards may be applied for by Members from university age onwards;
- Travel awards will not be granted for gap year activities;
- In most cases the maximum grant will be £500, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the DHSA Committee
- It is anticipated that demand for awards might be considerable so it is unlikely that the full cost of any proposal will be met, so please be realistic about the amount requested. **Do not apply if you do not require support;**
- **All** those accepting grants are required to submit a written report of their trip soon after their return (minimum of 750 words) accompanied by a jpeg picture/s for use by the DHSA (publications/website);
- Should any change in the project as outlined in the application form be made, the DHSA must be informed in writing. Failure to do this may mean the withdrawal of the award;
- Grants are not given for expenses that have already been incurred by the time of notification of the grant;
- Members may apply as many times as they wish for the Mather Travel Award and Educational Grant. They will however only be eligible to receive each once in a lifetime.

Guidance notes for applicants:

The DHSA Committee will take into account a variety of factors in considering applications and dispersal of funds;

- Available DHSA Grant funds in any given year
- Number of applicants short listed
- The scale of the proposed projects [e.g. short haul vs long haul]
- The quality and viability of the proposals
- Applicants' contribution to life of the School (if applicable)