

Henry Morris Memorial Trust Travel Awards



Henry Morris was the visionary founder of the village colleges. When he died in 1961, a group of his friends set up the Henry Morris Memorial Trust in order to remember him. The main function of the Trust is to make Travel Awards to young people aged 13-19 in Cambridgeshire. You can apply to the Trust for an award on your own, with a friend or in a small group.

The Trust only funds **independently-planned** expeditions and enterprises. This means whether you plan something by yourself or in a group, there must be no adult involvement in the planning or managing of your project. A mum or dad may accompany your trip, but this must only be in a care/protection role.

The type of thing that the Trust might fund could be:

- ◆ A trip abroad - for example, to Paris to visit galleries and learn more about the Impressionists.
- ◆ A trip in Britain - for example, to Hadrian's Wall to walk the path and find out more about it.
- ◆ A home-based project - for example, you might be interested in researching Hobson's Conduit.

Remember: It's very important your project has a clear **purpose**.

Funding

The Trust gives out generally between £40 and £500 to each successful applicant each year. The Trust will likely not cover the whole cost of your trip or project but it will aim to give a proportion of the cost. It is therefore important you think about how you will raise the rest of the money.

Check out the Trust's website - see below - to see examples of what has been funded in the past and for more ideas. Also, discuss ideas with your family, friends and teachers if you think you might be interested in applying.

The Trust has a website: <http://www.henrymorris.org>

Reporting on your Trip or Project

If you are awarded funding, then you have to report back to the Trust on how your trip went. There are tips on the Trust's website for how you might do this. The report might, in fact, form a major part of your project.

The report is also an opportunity for you to explore your communication and media skills. What might you produce? The choice is yours and only limited by your imagination. You might produce a diary, a scrapbook, a slideshow, a video... Also, the Trust awards a cash prize for the best report.

The Timeline

- ◆ **November - December:** Do your research and plan your project.
- ◆ **January:** Complete your application. Applications must be submitted by 31 January.
- ◆ **Early March:** Promising applicants are invited for interview in Cambridge.
- ◆ **April - September:** Your expedition/enterprise takes place some time within this period.
- ◆ **September:** You submit your report on your project to the Trust by 30 September.

What do I do now if I'm interested in applying?

If you think you might want to do something with other people, get your group together now and agree plans. Make sure you have approval from your parents for whatever it is you want to do. Remember, whatever you want to do, it is more likely to be successful if you can clearly demonstrate your project's **purpose**. Passion for your project subject matter and evidence of good planning are also important.

Application forms are available from the Trust's website. Remember, if you apply as a group, everyone in the group must complete an application.

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