

# THE K BLUNDELL TRUST

This trust, generously endowed by the late Kathleen Blundell, makes awards to British authors under the age of 40 who need funding for important research, travel or other expenditure. There will be two rounds of grants in 2009, awarded in the spring and in the autumn.

**The next closing date for applications is 30 April 2009**

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

At Miss Blundell's request, applicants must satisfy the following conditions:

1. they must be British by birth, ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and under the age of 40 on the closing date for applications (30 April);
2. they must submit a copy of their latest published book;
3. their work must 'contribute to the greater understanding of existing social and economic organisation'. Fiction is not excluded.

## **Please note:**

- **no author may apply twice to the Trust in the same year;**
- **successful applicants may not re-apply within three years of receiving an award;**
- **grants will not be awarded to cover publication costs**

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

Application is made by letter (2-3 pages) which should include the following:

1. brief information about yourself and your books, and details of the book on which you are working;
2. information about your financial position with a full explanation as to why an award is needed and how it would be used, noting that the largest grants are unlikely to exceed £4,000 (most grants are in the region £1,000-£2,000);
3. details of any publisher's advance received or due (the size of any advance may be taken into consideration by the assessors);
4. the names of publishers contacted. If you have not approached any publishers with your project, please explain why not;
5. details of any grants you have received in the last three years;
6. confirmation that you satisfy the eligibility criteria specified by Miss Blundell (detailed above);
7. copies of any recent reviews (not more than 2-3 pages on A4 paper – and not original cuttings);
8. submission of your latest book (which will be returned if a self addressed label and stamps are enclosed).

## **Please note:**

1. Letters must be typed and all papers submitted should be on A4 paper (single sided copies only).
2. Please DO NOT staple or bind the papers together.
3. Submissions by fax or email are not acceptable.
4. It is not necessary to apply to the Authors' Foundation separately, as unsuccessful applications will automatically be considered by the Foundation.

**Please send your application to:**

**Awards Secretary, K Blundell Trust, The Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London SW10 9SB. Tel: 020 7373 6642.**