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Dear Colleague

The Alfie Squires BECTU Educational Bursary

Alfie Squires was a larger-than-life and much-loved NATTKE and BETA activist, who died at a tragically early age in July 1990. He worked tirelessly for the creation of BECTU through the amalgamation of ACTT and BETA, which was completed six months after his death. Alfie was posthumously made the first Honorary Member of BECTU.

In his memory the Sector Executive Committee of BECTU makes available each year the sum of £5,000 for bursaries towards trade union-related education for BECTU members, particularly those in difficult circumstances.

- The maximum award per applicant is £1,000, which will be awarded on an annual basis.
- Awards are intended as a contribution towards books and other resources, and towards course fees if applicable.
- Applicants seeking a sum of money which leaves further assistance available to other members may receive preference.
- Note that successful candidates will be required to provide proof that they have successfully completed their course. If the course is not successfully completed, awarded monies may be clawed back by BECTU/Prospect.
- Note that assistance is *not* available for vocational training.
- Awards are made at the discretion of the Training Committee and of the BECTU SEC.
- The deadline for completed applications is Wednesday 28 February 2018.
- Applicants may only be in receipt of the bursary once.

To request an application form please email <u>kelliott@bectu.org.uk</u> with the subject heading 'Alfie Squires BECTU Educational Bursary'.

Yours faithfully

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