In order to apply for any one of the PPMA BEST Educational Schemes you must first complete the short application form available online at www.ppmabest.org.uk

This should be completed & returned to:
PPMA BEST - Educational Grants
New Progress House
34 Stafford Road
Walinton
Surrey
SM6 9AA
Tel: 020 8773 8111
Alternatively it can be scanned & emailed to:
ppmabest@ppma.co.uk

PPMA members and other industry companies are encouraged to put forward candidates or educational establishments (for STEM days) to participate in these schemes.

NB: Supplementary forms & information will be available for the different grant schemes should your application be successful.

Applications will be treated on a first come, first served basis subject to the eligibility criteria outlined on the initial Application Form.

Registered Charity : 1156041
**PPMA BEST (Business Education, Skills and Training)** is a charity established in 2014 to encourage young people to enter and develop a career in engineering within the processing, packaging, STEM, robotics, automation and industrial vision supply industries through education, training and support.

The PPMA BEST Trust aims to encourage young people to enter and develop within the processing, packaging, automation and vision engineering industries through education and training.

PPMA BEST: 4 programmes to kick start your company training scheme:

**INDUSTRIAL CADETS**

Industrial Cadets are proud to be in partnership with PPMA Best. Industrial Cadets is a Nationally Recognised industry accreditation inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales and offers employers a structured approach to education outreach. As an Industrial Cadets partner, your business can have direct influence in the development of skills in young people aged 9-24, helping to build a future talent pool, raise aspirations and careers awareness.

By following the Industrial Cadets framework young people gain valuable skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and can demonstrate these vital skills and by graduating through the Industrial Cadets programme and joining our national alumni.

The Industrial Cadets team alongside PPMA will work with employers to develop accredited youth outreach programmes so that PPMA members are able to access a strong future talent pipeline.

**How it works...**

- Young people gain 5 – 50 hours experience of industry.
- Activities during the experience include; site visits, company presentations, mentoring, hands-on problem solving activities.
- The flexible framework allows employers of all sizes to gain accreditation.

Employers have access to talent via the Industrial Cadets Online Network.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS (STEM) DAYS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Interactive day workshops in secondary schools. Designed to inspire and interest students in STEM subjects. Delivered by our partner the Smallpeice Trust. www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk

These one day workshops are interactive, involving a design and build project which helps to stimulate problem solving. Sponsor Company Employees can be involved with the in school STEM Days. The overall aim is to stimulate and support a pipeline of students into further study or an apprenticeship.

**EDT**

EDT’s First Edition programme provides young learners (age 9 – 16 years) with an exciting and enriching hands-on activity day within the school/college environment. From coding to racing cars, our specially-designed, curriculum-linked activities cover a range of areas designed to inspire students of all ages, and can be tailored to all abilities.

**First Edition:**

- Enhances the curriculum, providing an interactive learning experience through stimulating hands-on activities and visits to industry.
- Provides students with information about STEM careers and study routes available.
- Engages and inspires students to shape their own future choices.
- Assists the Personal.

**FINANCIAL GRANT – ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS**

The aim of this scheme is to help support companies who may not previously have experience of employing an apprentice and this will help to ensure that the process is not daunting.

Overview Engineering Apprentice Award: PPMA BEST will offer a grant to a sponsoring company taking on an apprentice to help toward the cost of set up and advice. A grant to the apprentice will also be available. Apprentices must be paid at least UK minimum wage for those over 21.

Employment of the apprentice will count as the sponsoring company contribution.

**MATCH FUNDED – ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES**

The aim of this scheme is to help encourage and support undergraduates in relevant disciplines to develop the skills and experience they need to address the shortages in our industries. This scheme encourages existing employees to embark on part-time undergraduate courses.

Overview Engineering Undergraduate Bursaries: An award to be claimed in equal parts over the term of a suitable graduate course, paid 50/50 shared between PPMA BEST and the sponsoring company. The company offers the graduate employment for a number of weeks each year. Students must be paid at least the UK minimum wage for those over 21.

**MATCH FUNDED – ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS TRUST (6TH FORM A-LEVEL STUDENTS)**

Match-funded competitive national scholarships for STEM students designed to identify, inspire and nurture future leaders in engineering and technical design.

Overview of the Arkwright Scholarships Trust: Named after Sir Richard Arkwright “Father of the factory system”. Established in 1991. Set up by a group of head-teachers who did not believe Engineering was getting the profile it deserved. Designed a scholarship scheme for 16/16 year olds to support & encourage students to consider a career in Engineering & design. High profile within the industry & supported by a wide range of organisations & charitable trusts. Great at identifying most talented potential engineering students of the future.

92% of Arkwright Scholars continue in engineering Further Education or training. 3,700 scholarships awarded to date. Over 840 affiliated schools benefitted to date – 68% from state sector. Over 20 UK’s top engineering universities work with the Arkwright Scholarship Trust.