

The Burgesses of Guild are reintroducing the Guildry Awards which were last presented a few years ago, (see attached), and an Awards Committee has been formed consisting of the Late Dean (chaining), the Senior Assessor and the Lord Dean. Discussions have taken place with both AU and RGU to encourage Students to apply for a 'Burgess Award'. The proposal is to offer two Awards, one each to a Student of each of the universities, this to be of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) maximum in any one year, payable in instalments, to a Student both living and studying at either AU or RGU; this has been agreed by the Burgesses' Committee of Assessors.

Our discussions with the universities are not yet concluded. The principles have been agreed however, e.g. the Awards are intended for Undergraduate Students, with the detail to be finalised. I seek agreement and approval by the Guildry and Mortifications Committee, please, to proceed as indicated.

As previously, the Awards are governed by a judgement in the Court of Session in 1997 which approved a petition to allow the Burgesses *'to assist persons born or habitually resident in the City of Aberdeen and intending to pursue careers that if pursued would qualify them for admission as Burgesses of Guild of Aberdeen to pursue educational or vocational training courses or otherwise to further their proposed careers'*.

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