## Bursaries for Participants at Braids 2025:

The Braid Society is offering bursaries to participants who have registered and paid their Conference fee for Braids 2025 in Cleveland, USA. These bursaries will cover a percentage of the Conference fee, up to a maximum of £250, for up to 3 participants who are full Braid Society members. The bursaries do not cover travel, accommodation, or other costs associated with the Conference which remain the responsibility of the recipient. These bursaries are not available for Tutors at Braids 2025 who can apply for the Tutor Travel Grants.

Bursary recipients will each provide an illustrated article for Strands 2026 (deadline June 2026). This will be a thoughtful paper on an aspect of braiding that you have explored in the wake of the Conference, perhaps including post-conference thoughts, research and experimentation. Do not be intimidated by this, as our very helpful Strands editors will be available to answer questions and provide guidance if required.

If you are a full Braid Society member intending to participate in Braids 2025, and would like to apply for a bursary, please send the following information to the Braid Society Chair, Mrs Susan Read, either by email to chair@braidsociety.com or by post to: Mrs Susan Read, Braid Society Chair, 11 St Leonards Close, Upper Minety, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9QB, UK. Closing date for applications is 31 January 2025.

Please provide the following information:

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone or mobile number: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Website address: (if you have one) |  |

## Personal Statement

Please provide below a statement of up to 500 words, presenting yourself and your braiding interests.

Are you a maker, collector, teacher, …? Which structures and techniques do you love most? What do you hope to gain from attending Braids 2025? How do you expect your participation in Braids 2025 to influence your braiding journey? What topic do you think you might explore in your Strands article (we won’t hold you to this!). Do illustrate your statement with photographs if you have these available.

All information provided will be treated in confidence and in accordance with the Braid Society’s Privacy Policy (see: <https://thebraidsociety.wildapricot.org/Privacy>).

## Terms and Conditions

Closing date for applications is 31 January 2025.

Applications will be considered by a panel of three Braid Society Council members, on behalf of the Braid Society, and will not include anyone who has applied for a bursary.

The Braid Society reserves the right to award more or fewer than 3 bursaries and to vary the amounts awarded, up to the maximum of £250 for each bursary.

Successful applicants will be notified and the awards will be announced at in the March 2025 newsletter. They will be contacted at a later date by the Braid Society Treasurer to arrange for the monies to be transferred, preferably by PayPal.

If any participant who has been awarded a bursary is unable to attend Braids 2025, for any reason, the bursary monies awarded will need to be returned to the Braid Society in full. Any participant in this position should contact the Braid Society Treasurer as soon as possible, to arrange for the return of the bursary monies which, at the discretion of the panel, may then be awarded to another participant.

If Braids 2025 is cancelled for any reason, or held as a virtual event, all bursary monies awarded will need to be returned to the Braid Society in full. In this event, participants will be contacted by the Braid Society Treasurer to arrange for the monies to be returned to the Braid Society.

Any losses incurred by participants who have booked travel fares, accommodation, etc that they subsequently cancel, for whatever reason, will remain the responsibility of the recipient.

## Please sign below:

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| Name: |  | Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |  |  |

We look forward to receiving your application.