

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is to support learners in full time further education by providing a contribution towards the cost of attending the college such as travel, meals, equipment and other course related costs. Learners will be eligible for bursary support if they meet one of the criteria listed in the table below.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to learners aged 16-18 (under 19 on 31st August 2020) that have an annual household income of less than £25,000. Learners aged 19+ can apply for the 16-19 Bursary Fund if they either have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or they are continuing on a study programme which began when aged 16-18.

The value of the award will vary depending on criteria including household income, personal circumstances and college course. Learners must maintain a minimum of 90% attendance. All awards will have a total capped amount.

For other learners aged 19+ on 31st August 2020, please refer to the 19+ Learner Support Fund Guidance.

An applicant is placed in one of the following categories based on the criteria:

Category	Criteria	Bursary Support Available
Vulnerable Bursary	A learner that is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Living in local authority care - A care leaver - Claiming Universal Credit or Income Support - Claiming both Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or PIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free School Meals • iPad deposit • £1200 towards support, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel costs Essential course related costs UCAS application fee Educational visits Monthly maintenance award
Tier 1	A learner living in a household that has an annual income of less than £16,190 per year or is in receipt of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Income Support - Income-based Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) - Pension Guarantee Credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free School Meals* (<i>based on evidence provided</i>) • iPad deposit • Travel costs • Essential course related costs • UCAS application fee • Educational visits
Tier 2	A learner living in a household that has an annual income of less than £25,000 per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced travel costs • Essential course related costs • UCAS application fee • Educational visits - 50% Contribution

Travel costs

- Tier 1 – Free travel (a maximum cap will apply).
- Tier 2 – Subsidised travel.
- Non bursary learners – discounts available on local bus routes (subject to area)

Course related costs

- Essential course costs can include equipment, uniform, text books, DBS check.
- Course costs vary depending on the course and some courses have no essential costs.
- Bursary does not cover non-essential course costs.

Free School Meals

➤ Awards for meals will be credited to the learner's card on a weekly basis to the value of £3.50 per day in attendance.

***Tier 1 learners may be eligible for Free School Meals if:**

- *The household is not in receipt of Working Tax Credit.*
- *The household is in receipt of Universal Credit with an income of less than £7,400 per year.*

Monthly maintenance award

- This award is only available to learners that meet the criteria for Vulnerable Bursary.
- Payments are transferred directly into the learner's bank account each month.

All awards are discretionary and are subject to the availability of funds. Information is subject to change.

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