

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to students aged 16-18 (under 19 on 31st August 2019) and students aged 19+ with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), or are continuing on a study programme which began when aged 16-18, that have a total household income of less than £25,000 per year.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is to support students in full time education by providing a contribution towards the cost of attending the college such as travel, meals, equipment and other course related costs.

Students will be eligible for bursary support if they meet one of the criteria's listed below.

The value of the award will vary depending on criteria including household income, personal circumstances and college course. Students must maintain an excellent attendance to remain eligible.

All awards will have a total capped amount.

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

Category	Criteria	Bursary Support Available
<b>Vulnerable bursary</b>	A student that is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Living in local authority care</li> <li>- A care leaver</li> <li>- Claiming Universal Credit, Income Support</li> <li>- Claiming <b>both</b> Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) <b>and</b> Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or PIP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1200 award towards bursary support</li> <li>• Travel costs</li> <li>• Essential course related costs</li> <li>• iPad deposit</li> <li>• Educational visits</li> <li>• Free School Meals</li> <li>• Monthly Financial award</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 1</b>	A student living in a household that has a total income of less than £16,190 per year or is in receipt of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Income Support</li> <li>- Income Based Employment Support Allowance</li> <li>- Pension Guarantee Credit</li> <li>- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel costs</li> <li>• Essential course related costs</li> <li>• iPad deposit</li> <li>• Educational visits</li> <li>• Free School Meals* (based on evidence provided)</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 2</b>	A student living in a household that has a total income of less than £25,000 per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced travel costs</li> <li>• Essential course related costs</li> <li>• Educational visits - 50% Contribution</li> </ul>

### Travel costs

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

### 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.
- Awards will not be made for non-essential course costs.
- Awards may vary depending on individual circumstances and a total capped amount will apply.

### Free School Meals

- Awards for meal costs will be made by crediting money onto the student's card on a weekly basis to the value of £2.60 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, the income must be less than £7,400 per year.

### Monthly financial award

- This award is only available to learners that meet the criteria for vulnerable student funding allowance.
- Payments will be made directly to the student'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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