

The 19+ Learner Support Fund is to support learners in full time/part time (a minimum of hours equivalent to 1 college day applies) further education by providing a contribution towards the cost of attending the college such as travel, uniform and childcare.

The 19+ Learner Support Fund is available to learners aged 19+ (19 as of 31st August 2020) that have an annual household income of less than £25,000.

Learners will be eligible for bursary support if they meet one of the criteria listed in the table below. 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 learners aged 16-18 on 31st August 2020, please refer to the 16-19 Bursary Fund Guidance.

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

Category	Criteria	Learner Support Available
19+ LSF	<p>A learner living in a household that has an annual income of less than £25,000 per year or is in receipt of either:</p> <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"> • Travel costs • Uniform costs • UCAS application fee • Childcare assistance* (based on age at start of enrolment)
Learner Loan Bursary	<p>In addition to meeting the 19+ LSF criteria listed above;</p> <p>A learner that has applied for and have been approved for an Advanced Learner Loan. (evidence required)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance grant towards support, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel costs Uniform costs UCAS application fee Monthly maintenance award • Childcare assistance*

Travel costs

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

Uniform costs

- Uniform costs vary depending on the course and some courses have no essential uniform.

Childcare assistance

- This is only available for learners aged 20+ (20 as of 31st August 2020) that meet the criteria.
- Full time learner – a maximum of £160 per week per learner.
- Part time learner – a maximum of £80 per week per learner.

**Learners aged 19 and under on 31st August 2020 will be required to apply for the Care to Learn scheme for childcare assistance. Information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>.*

Maintenance grant

- This is only available to learners who meet the criteria for Learner Loan Bursary.
- Full time learner – a maximum award of £1000 per academic year.
- Part time learner – a maximum award of £500 per academic year.
- Monthly maintenance award payments will be made directly to 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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