



16 – 19 Bursary Fund

Support is available to eligible students from the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund. This fund is intended to support students aged 16 – 19 to overcome specific barriers to participation so that they can remain in education.

We use the funding to provide students with support in the following areas:

- Transport
- Meals
- Books
- Revision Guides
- Attending University interviews and open days
- Equipment

Eligibility Criteria:

- A student must be aged over 16 or over but under 19 on 31st August 2020.
- Students 19 or over must either:
 - a. Be continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18, or
 - b. Have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Bursaries for young people defined as ‘vulnerable’

The defined vulnerable groups are students who are:

- In Care (those who are privately fostered are not classed as looked after)
- Care Leavers
- Receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves
- Financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner.
- Receiving Disability Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right.

They will receive £1200 per year – payable monthly

Those defined as vulnerable will need to provide the following evidence:

- Appropriate evidence will need to be provided setting out the benefit to which the young person is entitled.
- Written confirmation of the Young person's current or previous looked-after status from the local authority which looks after them or provides their leaving care services

Discretionary Bursaries:

In assessing an application for a discretionary bursary, the total household income should be below £25,000 per annum.

To assess the household income, we will ask to see proof of income. This could be in the form of:

- Proof of benefits letters
- Tax Credit award notifications
- P60s
- Pay slips
- Bank Statements covering the last 3 months.
- Universal Credit award notifications covering the last 3 payments

We will then assess the distance to travel between the student's home and school, and funding for transport will be paid if the distance is more than 2 miles. This will be the cost of a Monthly Travel Pass.

Meal allowances will be authorised if the student is not eligible for FSM.

If the student is eligible for the discretionary bursary they could also be entitled to support/contribution towards the following:

- Revision Guides
- Stationery
- Equipment
- Trips/Visits

Payments

Payment will be made via BACs to the student's bank account for travel on a monthly basis. Meal payments will be added to the student's in-house catering account on a monthly basis.

All purchases will need to be authorised in school beforehand - It is usually cheaper to purchase from school suppliers.

Applications

Applications should ideally be submitted at the beginning of the Autumn Term but can be applied for at any time during the academic year if circumstances change.

Payments are conditional on students meeting the following conditions in relation to their attendance (95%)/behavior/attitude to learning.

All students are required to sign a declaration confirming that they agree to these conditions. Students who fail to meet these conditions may have their payments withheld.