

Bursary Policy

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16 – 19 Bursary Fund Policy

The fund is made available from the government through its funding body – Young People' Learning Agency (YPLA) for 16-18 year olds – to provide assistance to students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers.

You must adhere to the Student Learner Agreement form that you have signed.

There are 2 groups, categorised as:

HIGH (Vulnerable student bursary)

You could get up to £1,200 if at least 1 of the following applies:

- you are in is in or recently left authority care
- you are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit (UC) in your name
- you are disabled in receipt of both Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC) **and** either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your name

If you qualify by category 2 or 3 above a letter from DWP is required saying which benefit you are entitled to. The letter should confirm that you can be in further education or training.

Payment will be made weekly by BACS.

Discretionary

You will qualify for a bursary of between £10 - £30 per week dependent on meeting agreed attendance and progress criteria if you are a student who is currently (this will be subject to availability of funds):

- eligible for Free School Meals (applicants must be under 19 of 31 August of the year of application)

Students living in a home where there is a gross annual household of between **£16,192 and £25,000** (proof of income must accompany the application e.g. P60 or wage slip/s which states the annual household income)

Students in this group may receive a contribution of up to £200 maximum towards the cost of essential course equipment and transport costs which could include:

1. Course equipment such as text books, revision guides, IT equipment
2. Trip related to subjects
3. Half-fare bus pass or equivalent travel claim
4. University/College/Apprenticeship visits
5. UCAS application

Pre-approval for these items will be required before any payments will be made. **Payments will be made on, as and when required basis.**

Appeals and complaints

If your application is unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal against the decision by writing to Mr Stewardson. Your letter should clearly state why you feel the award should be reconsidered.