

16 to 19 Bursary Fund

You could get a bursary to help with education-related costs if you're aged 16 to 19 and:

- studying at a publicly funded school or college in England - not a university
- on a training course, including unpaid work experience

A publicly funded school is one that does not charge you for attending it.

For further information go to: www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

1. What is the Bursary Fund?

The 16 - 19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help young people facing financial hardship to stay on in full time education after Year 11.

The Scheme comprises two parts:

Full Bursary (Vulnerable Bursary)	Available for those most in need of financial support, for example young people in care, those receiving Income Support and those disabled receiving both Employment Support Allowance/Universal Credit and Disability Living Allowance.
Discretionary Bursary	Available for those in need of financial assistance to help them meet specific costs to enable them to stay in education and complete their courses, e.g., transport, equipment, fieldwork costs.

2. Eligibility

- Students must meet the residency criteria in the EFA Funding Guidance for 2023/2024 academic year;
- A student must be at least 16 and under 19 on the 31st August in the academic year in which he/she starts a programme of study;
- Students studying Higher Education Courses or on waged apprenticeship programmes or any waged learning or training are not eligible to receive bursaries;
- A student must be on a full time programme of study;
- If student attendance falls below 95% a 20% reduction will be applied to that termly payment.
- If attendance falls below 50% no payment will be made.

3. Full Bursary

Students can apply for a bursary of up to £1,200.00 per annum if they meet one of the following criteria:

- in care;
- care leavers;

- receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner;
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLS) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC) in their own right.

(Amounts granted will be assessed on an individual basis)

4. Discretionary Bursary

Eligible students can apply for a bursary to fund particular financial needs, amounts granted will be assessed on an individual basis. Once granted the monies are to support students with the following items:

- We will provide a pro rata payment towards transport costs;
- Books/equipment/materials/specialist clothing;
- Field trips and visits related to courses;
- Exam retakes/UCAS fees;
- Travel expenses for up to 3 Higher Educational visits.

Students can apply for this Discretionary Bursary if:

- (a) If they were previously eligible for free school meals in year 11

You are also eligible if your parents are claiming one of these benefits:-

- (i) Universal Credit;
- (ii) Income Support;
- (iii) Child tax credit, provided they are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual taxable income as assessed by the Inland Revenue which from 6th April 2017 does not exceed £16,190;
- (iv) Income based job seekers allowance;
- (v) Employment Support Allowance (Income related);
- (vi) Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

(b) They come from families in the lower 40% of UK household incomes

- (i) Students with an annual gross family income of less than £20,000 in the last tax year (including benefits). This must be established through current Universal Credit/Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit Documentation/P60;
- (ii) Students who can demonstrate through Universal Credit/Working Tax Credit/Family Tax Credit that their award has been changed to reflect a change in circumstances so that their annual gross family income including benefits is now below £20,000.

How to apply.

Please complete the application by following this link. [16-19 Bursary Application 2023/24](#)
There is no closing date for applications as we understand that your circumstances may change over time.

If you require any further information please see Mr Gardner directly or email at g.gardner@wmgacademy.org.uk