**16 – 19 Bursary**

**Overview**

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 doesn’t charge you for attending.*

A bursary is money that you, or your education or training provider, can use to pay for things like:

* clothing, books and other equipment for your course
* transport and lunch on days you study or train

**Eligibility**

You must:

* be at least 16 and under 19 on 31 August of the year you are applying
* study at a publicly funded school or college, or be on an unpaid training course
* meet the residency requirements - your school or college can check this

There are two types of bursary:

1. **Vulnerable student bursary**

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

* you’re in or recently left local authority care
* you get Income Support or Universal Credit in your name
* you get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in your name and either Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit
* you get Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your name and either ESA or Universal Credit

You may get the full amount if you have expenses and study full-time on a course of at least 30 weeks.

1. **Discretionary bursary**

Your college will have their own criteria for discretionary bursaries. They’ll look at your individual circumstances - this usually includes your family income.

Please speak to us for any further information.