

| 16-19 Bursary Funding

OVERVIEW

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) provides all post-16 education and training providers with a sum of money that can be used to support post-16 students. You could get a bursary to help with education-related costs if you are aged 16 to 19 and:

- Studying at school or college (not university) in England.

WHAT IS A BURSARY FOR?

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.

WHO CAN GET A BURSARY?

To qualify, a student must be aged 16 and under 19 on the 31 August at the start of the academic year in which they start a programme of study and must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Students aged at least 16 and under 19 years of age on 31 August 2025 who are in care; are leaving care; are in direct receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name; or are in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments.
- Students who are economically or socially disadvantaged and facing the most significant barriers to participate in education.

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL ASSESS APPLICATIONS?

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a limited fund and the school will prioritise allocation. There will be three priority groups categorised as high, medium and low. Students who are eligible for any level of funding should complete an application form and hand it to the Finance Manager by 31 December 2025. Applications at all levels will be considered by the Finance Manager and the Sixth Form team.

Further information will be available when you have started at Sixth Form, both on the school website in school.