

Student Bursary

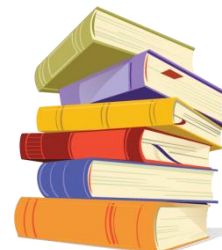
Overview

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
- on a training course, including unpaid work experience

A bursary is money that you can use to pay for things like:

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



What you'll get

There are 2 types of 16 to 19 bursary:

Vulnerable student bursary

You could get a bursary worth up to £1,200, depending on your circumstances and benefits.

Discretionary bursary

You could get a discretionary bursary if you need financial help but don't qualify for a vulnerable student bursary.

How your bursary is paid

Your bursary is paid weekly directly to your bank account.

Eligibility

If you are in one of these groups, you can apply for a **vulnerable bursary**: in care, care leavers, getting Income Support, or Universal Credit because you're financially supporting yourself or are financially supporting yourself and someone who is dependent on you and living with you, for example, your child or your partner or getting Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments and Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit. You must be getting both of these benefits in your own right.

If you aren't in one of the defined vulnerable groups, but you need financial help to stay in education, you can apply for a **discretionary bursary** from your education institution.

The criteria is based on your family's income; if your parents get benefits or if you currently receive free school meals or have had them in the past. You will be asked for evidence of your family's household income following your application. Examples of what they might ask for include a letter from the Department of Work and Pensions showing receipt of benefits, a P60, a Tax Credit Award Notice or 3 months' worth of pay slips or bank account statements.

How to claim

When you register for your courses, in school on results day you will be able to collect an application form. Alternatively you can collect one from **Mrs Voyse** in the Sixth Form Office when you start in September.

Further information

If you have a question you can also contact the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

Education Funding Agency (EFA)

enquiries.efa@education.gsi.gov.uk or look at the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-young-people-16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide>