

# MEALS SUPPORT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Lincoln College operates two Meals Support Schemes. They are known as the Free College Meals scheme and the 16-18 Learner Support Fund Meals Support Scheme (both worth up to £4.00 per day).

## Free College Meals\*

Free College Meals (FCM) is mainly available to students aged 16-18 on 31/08/2024.

However, students aged 19-24 are entitled to FCM where you or your parents are in receipt of an eligible benefit or support, and; • They are a 19+ continuer (on the same course at the same level as they started in the academic year, they turned 19), or • They are subject to an Education Health Care Plan

To be eligible for FCM, you (the student) must be in receipt of, or living with Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit (provided you or your parents are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC)
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Pension Credit-Guarantee Credit
- Support Under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit

You may also be eligible if you are aged 16 to 18 on 31/08/2024 and received Free School Meals or Free College Meals at any time from 01/04/2018 and:

- you provide a signed and dated letter on headed paper from the school or college you attended to confirm this, or
- you live in either Lincolnshire or Nottinghamshire and either you or your parents provide written consent for the college to ask Lincolnshire County Council or Nottinghamshire County Council to confirm this.

\*other rules and regulations apply

## 16-18 Learner Support Fund Meals Support Scheme Eligibility Criteria\*

If you're aged 16-18 on 31st August 2024 and you are not eligible for Free College Meals, you may be eligible for our 16-18 Learner Support Fund Meals Support Scheme if your parent(s)/guardian(s) gross household income has been assessed as less than £40,000.

