

16-18 Extended Bursary

Further information and additional eligibility criteria

If you are aged 16-18 on 31st August 2026 you can apply for the 16 to 18 Extended Bursary* worth up to a maximum of £1,200.00 per academic year if you meet one of the criteria below:

Fund	General Eligibility Criteria - (Other Rules Apply)
16-18 Extended Bursary (DfE 16 to 19 Bursary Fund)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are in Local Authority Care or a Care LeaverYou receive Universal Credit in your own name and are financially supporting yourself (or financially supporting yourself and someone who is dependent on you and living with you, such as a child or partner), orYou receive Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment and Universal Credit in your own name

The 16-18 Extended Bursary helps you with essential course-related costs, known as participation costs. These costs may include:

- College Meals
- Travel
- Uniform and equipment
- Stationery and books
- Cost of appropriate rail cards
- Trips
- Travel to a maximum of 2 Higher Education interviews
- UCAS fees
- Examination resit fees

Other participation costs may be considered subject to approval from your tutor.

Further support may be available if you or your parent(s), guardian(s), foster carer(s) financial circumstances meet the eligibility criteria of the 16-18 Learner Support Fund.

You must have a bank account in your own name. Payments cannot be made into another person's account.

Meeting one of the above eligibility criteria does not mean you will receive this Bursary. You will not receive it if your participation costs are already being met from other financial sources (e.g Local Authority Funding, etc.) and/or it is deemed you have no relevant costs. The college cannot make Extended Bursary Fund payments as payments for living costs. This is out of scope of the Bursary and any such payments would be subject to the Social Security Amendment (students and income-related benefits) Regulations 2000.

*Other rules apply. Rules and criteria may be subject to amendment or deletion without prior notice.

