

FINANCIAL SUPPORT INFORMATION 2016/2017

Support Scheme	Who's Eligible	Criteria	How to Apply
Free Meals	16-19 year old Students	Student or Household in receipt of a means tested benefit For further information go to FE free meals gov.uk	Apply to the Information Centre once you have enrolled onto your course. Please complete the Financial Support Application form and provide proof of your household income for means tested benefit. Students assessed as eligible can receive £4.00 per day on college attendance days towards a free college meal.
16-19 Confirmed/Vulnerable Bursary	16-19 year old Students	16-19 year old student. In care, Leaving care, in receipt of Income Support or ESA,DLA/PIP, Universal credits	Apply to the Information Centre once you have enrolled onto your course. Please complete the Financial Support Application Form and provide proof of your individual income evidence, In care/Care status. You could be eligible for £1200.00 for the academic year. Eligibility includes support with Educational visits, lunch costs and Travel to college. All students must have their own bank account, statement will be required.
16-19 Discretionary Bursary	16-19 year old Students	Household income below £25,000 Gross – Funding eligibility and Household Income evidence applies. All funding is subject to availability at the time of application and funding is not guaranteed	Apply to the Information Centre once you have enrolled onto your course. Please complete the Financial Support Application Form and provide proof of your household income evidence, You may be eligible for help with Travel, Kit, Uniform, Course related materials, Free College Meals, essential course Trips, Books and DBS costs. All students must have their own bank account, statement will be required.
Care To Learn (Childcare)	16-19 year old Students with a child.	16-19 year old students continuing education	Application forms 2016-2017 are available to download from Care to Learn website. https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/overview

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19+ Bursary	19+ Students	Household income below £25,000 gross – Programme of study SFA funding eligibility applies Household Income evidence applies. All funding is subject to availability at the time of application and funding is not guaranteed	Apply to the college Information Centre once you have enrolled onto your course. Please Complete the Financial Support Application form and provide household income evidence, you could be eligible for assistance towards Travel to college and support with Kit, Uniform, Materials, Essential course related trips and Books.
Advanced Learning Loan Bursary/Childcare	Advanced Learning Loan Students	Approved for the Advanced Learning Loans Household income below £25,000 Gross	Apply to the College Information Centre once you have enrolled onto your course. Please Complete the Financial Support Application Form and provide proof of your household income evidence and The Advanced Loan Learning Letter.
20+ Childcare Advanced Learning Loan Childcare		Household Income below £30,000 - Programme of study funding eligibility applies	Childcare Application forms are available from the Information Centre

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

Tax credit award letter for April 16-April 17 (ALL PAGES) alongside one of the following:

3 months' Most recent wage/pay slips and/or 3 months' most recent bank statements.

Self-employed accounts for financial year (15/16) and Full Tax Credits Award Letter April 2016/April 17 (ALL PAGES).

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Self-employed persons are required to supply proof of income for the most recent tax year for bursary assessment from September 2016. For example, year 2015-16 accounts would be required for bursary assessment in September 2016. This can be either a set of accounts prepared by an accountant or a self-assessment form SA302 from HMRC, an online calculation of your income.

Benefits: Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Related), Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) and Universal Credits: Benefit Letters are required to be dated within 2 weeks stating that you are currently receiving this benefit and that the claim is live and ongoing (All Pages of benefit entitlement letter are required).

PROOF OF INCOME:

For the purpose of the Bursary Fund assessment process, household income is all income received by persons living within the household. This can be benefit income, salary, capitol, unearned income (such as shares, investments, savings, rental income), self-employed income, a combination of these or any other means of income received.