

16-19 Bursary Fund Information 2018 - 2019

1. What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund?

The fund is made available from the government through its funding body – Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for 16-18 year olds - to support young people to participate and benefit from Post 16 education who are vulnerable, or who are facing financial hardship which may prevent them from accessing provision.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Who is eligible to apply for 16-19 bursary funding

General Eligibility

Students following government funded full-time or part-time courses, who are between 16 and 19 years old.

Who is not eligible for 16-19 bursary funding?

- Students under 16 years of age or over 19 years of age at the start of the academic year.
- Students who do not meet the residency qualifications.

3. How does Health Futures UTC assess applications and allocate 16-19 bursary funding?

Vulnerable Bursaries Eligibility

Vulnerable Students are defined as:

- In care
- Care leavers
- Getting income support or universal credit in place of income support, in their own right.
- Getting employment and support allowance or universal credit and disability living allowance or personal independence payment in their own right.

Vulnerable Students can apply for a vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200 (for a course of 30 weeks or more).

Discretionary Bursary Eligibility

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a limited fund and the UTC will prioritise allocation. There will be three Discretionary Bursary priority groups, categorised as high, medium and low:

3.1 High priority group

Students aged under 19 at the start of the academic year and who fall into the following category:

- Student in receipt of Free School Meals OR
- Gross annual household income below **£22,000** will be eligible.

100% support will be available for the following items to facilitate access to the UTC:

- a. Travel costs
- b. Educational resources
- c. Educational trips and visits
- d. Laptop purchase if required
- e. Uniform

3.2 Medium priority group

Students aged under 19 at the start of the academic year and who fall into the following category:

- Gross annual household income of between **£22,001 and £27,000**. 75% support will be available for the following items to facilitate access to the UTC:
 - a. Travel costs
 - b. Educational resources
 - c. Educational trips and visits
 - d. Laptop purchase if required
 - e. Uniform

3.3 Low priority group

Students aged under 19 at the start of the academic year and who fall into the following category:

- Gross annual household income of between **£27,001 and £32,000**. 50% support will be available for the following items to facilitate access to the UTC:
 - a. Travel costs
 - b. Educational resources
 - c. Educational trips and visits
 - d. Laptop purchase if required
 - e. Uniform

Those in the low priority group will be considered for funding based on the UTC allocation and subject to available funding after those in the high and medium priority groups have been awarded. In some cases awards may not be made until after 31 December each year.

4. How to apply

Applications are welcome from eligible parents/students in the above categories. Evidence of eligibility is required and should be included with the completed application form:

1. Evidence of Free School Meals
2. Evidence of household income could include:
 - Full tax credit statement (six page statement)
 - Benefit statement (Universal Credit/Income Support, etc.)
 - Recent payslip or P60
 - Evidence of self-employed earnings
 - Evidence of other household income e.g. interest from savings, pension, maintenance agreement.

Please also include any special circumstances in a covering letter which may affect the decision e.g. number of school aged children in the family.

Send to:
Finance Officer
Health Futures UTC
High Street
West Bromwich
B70 8DJ

Parents not eligible for financial support may request extended payment terms by contacting Mrs Guest on 0121 794 2888 or emailing admin@healthfuturesutc.co.uk

Please note that each case is considered on an individual basis and parents may be required to meet with the Principal.

Any financial assistance is provided at the Principal's discretion.