

16-19 Bursary Fund Information for Learners 2020 - 2021

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 16-19 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 to apply 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
- In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in place of income support, in their own right.
- In receipt of 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.

Discretionary Bursary Eligibility

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a limited fund and the UTC will prioritise allocation having assessed the needs of each student individually. Financial assistance may be granted to help with travel, lunch, clothing, books, equipment and educational visits.

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 award notice (TCAN)
 - Benefit statement (Universal Credit/Income Support, etc.)
 - Recent payslip or P60
 - Evidence of self-employed earnings (official tax return)
 - Evidence of other household income e.g. other benefits/pension award letter, 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

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