

Money Towards the Cost of Your Studies

The 16 – 19 Bursary Fund

Where does this money come from?

The **16 – 19 Bursary Fund** is government money, administered by the college, and is available to students whose household income is low to assist with costs associated with their course. It is to help young people remain in education or training.

Who is eligible?

- + Your family's taxable household income is £30,000 or less (most benefits are not included)
- + You are aged 16-18 on 31 August 2023 or 19+ if you are on the second year of a course you started when aged 16-18.
- + You have been resident in the UK for the last 3 years or you have the right of abode.
- + If you had free school meals in Year 11 or were entitled to Pupil Premium you are probably eligible

If any of the following apply to you, you should complete the Bursary application form:-

- + you are in care
- + you are leaving care
- + you are receiving Income Support or Universal Credit yourself
- + you are a disabled person in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (or Universal Credit) **and** Disability Living Allowance

How do I apply?

If you think you may be eligible please ask a parent/carer to complete a Bursary application form which is available for download on our website. Hand this in on Enrolment Morning or give it to our main school Finance Office. When term begins your parent/carer will need to supply proof of your family's household income.

What help will I get?

Assistance with the cost of:-

- + public transport to and from college
- + the cost of most items which are essential for your course (excludes large items such as cameras but these are usually available for loan)
- + the cost of college trips and visits associated with your courses
- + the cost of public transport to visit universities for open days or interviews
- + UCAS fees
- + Examination resit fees

What if I have a part time job?

Your earnings from employment whilst in college or during the holidays does not affect your entitlement to the Bursary.

Any questions?

If you have any questions please contact our Finance Department on 01425 652039, option 3, or email finance@burgate.hants.sch.uk, who will be very happy to help you.

You may also find it useful to visit the website: www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund. You will find our 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy on our website.

Please understand that unfortunately the fund is limited and not all students will be eligible, not all costs can be covered and costs will not usually be covered in full.

Please share this information with your parent/carer as soon as possible