



North Warwickshire
& Hinckley College

Student Finance &
Student Bursary Fund
2018 - 2019

Individual bursaries are available to help North Warwickshire & Hinckley College students who may be experiencing financial hardship to attend and complete their course. The Student Bursary Fund is available to help students cover the essential costs of attending College, such as transport and equipment, where no other financial support is available.

Guaranteed Bursaries

You may be eligible for a Guaranteed Bursary if you:

- Are aged 16-18
- Satisfy UK residency criteria
- Are classed as looked after/Living in care (including unaccompanied asylum seekers aged 16-18)
- Are a care leaver
- Are in receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Personal Independence Allowance
- Are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit Payments in your own right, and your letter states that you are able to participate in further education or training

You could receive up to £1,200 per academic year if you:

- Enrol on to a funded Further Education course
- Attend over 90% of your timetabled lessons each week, including English and Maths
- Adhere to any agreed behaviour contracts

The bursary is paid:

- Weekly into your bank account

For audit purposes, we will need:

- Written confirmation of your care status from the local authority which looks or looked after you, or
- Proof of receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit Payments or proof of receipt of Employment Support Allowance and other qualifying benefits.

Discretionary Bursary Awards

To help students with low income meet the costs of studying. You may be eligible if you are able to evidence the need for financial assistance and are:

- Aged 16 and over
- Enrolled on to a full time or part time funded course
- A student with 'home' student status, or have been granted full 'refugee' or asylum seeker' status
- Able to evidence the need for financial assistance *and* are in receipt of, or dependent upon an eligible means tested benefit *and* your total household income including all benefits is £22,000 (plus an additional £1,500 annual allowance per child), or less if you are aged 16 – 18, or £26,000 for the household if you are above 19 years of age.

Low Income

- You may also be eligible to make a claim if you live in a household where the total earned household income is £22,000 or less for 16-18 year olds or under £26,000 for aged 19+; or if you are aged 19+, living with family members and you have a personal income of less than £8,000 per year

You will need to provide relevant evidence confirming your income, including pay slips and P60's, self-employed Tax Return, any benefits you receive including Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Housing/Council Tax benefit. You will also be required to produce the last two full month's bank statements from all household accounts.

Eligible means tested benefits include:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit Payments
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of the State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Note: Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payments and Child Benefit are not included in income assessments. All other benefits and income are included for Discretionary Awards Assessment.

Funding Categories include:

Travel: You must live more than 2 miles away from the campus you are studying at and not be eligible for help from your Local Authority.

Course equipment and uniform: Help towards the purchase of course equipment and uniforms which are considered an essential requirement for your course.

Trips, residential visits and University interviews: Payment towards the cost of essential trips and visits required as part of your course. Help towards the cost of travelling to Universities may also be available. (You will be required to provide a copy of your University offer letter).

Meals: Your card will be pre-loaded with £5.00 credit for each day that you attend college to enable you to purchase food and drink from the College Refectories, Eating Places, Coffee Shops or Bistro.

Childcare: You must be aged 20 years and over on 31st August 2018. Childcare funding is only paid for the days and hours that you actually attend your college course or placement. Students studying at the Nuneaton Campus must use the Wise Owls Nursery facility if there are spaces available. Some two year olds and all three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early education for 38 weeks of the year. The Early Learning Grant Funding for eligible children must be used for timetabled hours before we grant any further funding. Students aged under 20 can claim childcare funding online through the Care to Learn scheme.
www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

Tuition fees for 19+: Depending on your circumstances, tuition fees for some courses may be free. If you are required to pay fees and you are eligible, we may be able to help towards these course fees.

Work Placement Expenses: If your placement is more than 2 miles from your home address you may be eligible for help with travel expenses. You may also be entitled to other expenses incurred during your placement such as lunch or uniform if required.

Note: Eligible Asylum Seekers may only receive support in the form of lunch tokens, or bus passes. No cash payments can be made.

How do I apply?

Apply online through the [Online Bursary Application System](#)

Who is not eligible to apply?

Students on Higher Education Courses, Work Based Learning/Waged Apprenticeships

Other Financial Support Available

Free Further Education Meals

You may be eligible for Free Further Education Meals if you are:

- Aged 16-18 on 31st August 2018 and are in receipt of, or dependant on an eligible means tested benefit as previously mentioned.
- Aged 19-25 on the 31st August 2018 with a Learning Difficulty Assessment or Education Health and Care Plan and fulfil the eligibility criteria as previously detailed.

Free Tuition

You may be eligible for FREE tuition if:

- You get state benefits, such as Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) Income Support or Employment Support Allowance (ESA) – you must be aged 19 or over and applying for a course up to Level 2
- If you earn less than £15,736.50 annual gross salary you may also be eligible for free tuition if applying to a course up to Level 2. Please bring a wage slip dated within 3 months, or a current employment contract which states gross monthly/annual wage
- You are enrolling on a full Level 2 qualification, aged 19-23 years at the start of your course and don't already hold a full Level 2 (or higher) qualification
- You are enrolling on to a full Level 3 qualification, aged 19-23 years at the start of your course and don't already hold a full Level 3 (or higher) qualification

To find out if you qualify for a FREE course please call 0247624 3000

Instalment payments

If you are not eligible for a free course or funding towards your course, you might be able to pay your fees in 3 instalments if the course costs £300 or more. Speak to a member of our Enrolment Team who will work out an instalment plan with you. An initial payment (deposit) must be made when you enrol.

Care to Learn

To support or contribute towards childcare costs whilst studying at college.

Care to learn is for you if you are:

- Under 20 when you started learning
- The main carer for your child/children
- Enrolled on a full or part time course
- Living in England
- Using an Ofsted registered childcare provider

Care to Learn will not affect your family benefits, nor do you have to be in receipt of benefits yourself. For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn. If you need any help completing your online application, please call at your nearest college campus.

19+ Advanced Learning Loan Bursary

Students aged 19 and over and studying a Further Education course at Level 3 or above are able to apply for a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan. (www.gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan). Once you have this loan, if you require financial help to cover costs of childcare, travel, additional learning support or hardship, you can apply for a bursary to help with these costs.

You may be eligible for help if you are able to evidence the need for financial assistance and are:

- In receipt of a 19+ Advanced Learning Loan
- Enrolled on to a programme funded through a 19+ Advanced Learning Loan
- Living with parents/family members and your personal income is £8,000 per annum or less
- In receipt of, or dependent upon eligible means tested benefits, and your total household income is £26,000 or less (plus an additional £1,500 per child)

You will need to provide relevant evidence to support your claim

Additional Support

You may be eligible for help with the cost of Additional Learning Support if you are:

- Enrolled onto a programme funded through a 19+ Advanced Learning Loan
- Assessed by the college as requiring Additional Learning Support

Note: you will need to provide evidence that your 19+ Advanced Learning Loan has been approved by Student Finance England before any awards can be made.

Higher Education Access to learning Fund

The Access to Learning Fund is available to help students who need extra financial support.

Full-time and part-time Higher Education students are eligible to apply. If you are facing a financial emergency or there are special circumstances regarding your application, we will look at this on an individual basis.

Before applying, you must have maximised your income by taking out the full student loan or other applicable student support funding (e.g. TTA Bursary).

Who is not eligible to apply?

Students on Work Based Learning/Waged Apprenticeships

Application forms are available from Customers Services or telephone:
024 7624 3000

Please note: *If your application for financial support is unsuccessful, you will be able to appeal through the colleges appeal process. This will be explained to you once your application has been processed.*

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