

Lonsdale School 16-19 Bursary Fund 2019-2020 Policy Summary



The 16-19 Bursary fund is money that school can claim from the government to support students who need financial help to stay in education. Bursaries can only be awarded to a student who meets the eligibility criteria and who is facing genuine financial barriers to participating in education.

Further national information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund is to be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2019-to-2020-academic-year>

This document summarises how Lonsdale School will administer the 16-19 Bursary in 2019/2020. Full detail can be found in the Lonsdale 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy.
The named contact for all 16-19 bursary enquiries is Mrs S North, Head of Upper School.

Key Points:

There are two types of 16-19 Bursary.

1. A **Vulnerable Bursary** has a value of up to £1200 a year. It is for students in one of the defined vulnerable groups listed below.

Benefits must be in the student's own name, not their parent/carer.

It includes those:-

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support (IS) or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves in their own right
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right

2. A **Discretionary Bursary** has a value of up to £350 and is for those who are not in one of the specific vulnerable groups identified above, but need financial help to stay in education. It is a discretionary amount.

Any decisions about which students receive a discretionary bursary and how much bursary they receive is based on each student's individual circumstances and their actual financial need. These will vary from student to student, depending on, for example, their household income, the distance they need to travel to school and the requirements of their study programme.

School will not make blanket or flat rate payments to all students or to students in particular income bands without considering the actual needs of the student.

16 to 19 Bursary Fund and receipt of DWP benefits

Receipt of bursary funding does not affect receipt means-tested benefits paid to families, such as Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.

However, if a student is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) and Employment Support Allowance or in receipt of Universal Credit, parents can no longer receive certain household/family benefits for that child, such as child benefit.