

Lonsdale School

16-19 Bursary Fund 2018-19

Policy Summary



Introduction

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 can be found at:
www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-young-people-16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide

The named contact for all 16-19 Bursary enquiries is Mrs G Kelly, Assistant Head.

Definition

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 their 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 and is subject to availability of remaining funds

There are 3 levels to the Discretionary Bursary. Students/their families must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible to apply to the fund:-

1. For those with a household income of £16,000 or less an application can be made for financial help towards, for example, transport costs to school; school meals; educational visits.
2. For those with a household income between £16,001 and £21,000 an application can be made for financial help, however awards will be lower than (1).
3. For those with a household income of between £21,001 and £26,000, an application can be made for financial help, however awards will be lower than (1) and (2).

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.