



The College has access to a range of financial support packages, these are known as Bursaries. You can apply for financial support to help with the costs associated with your study, for example, travel costs, food, kit & uniform.

To be eligible to receive a 16-19 Bursary in the 2018/19 academic year, you must be aged 16 or over and under 19 on 31 August 2018. If you turn 19 during your programme of study, you will continue to be supported to the end of the academic year in which you turn 19, or to the end of your programme of study, whichever is soonest.

All applications will be assessed on an individual basis.

We recommend that you apply early as funds are limited and demand is always high. If you would like a more detailed discussion about the financial support which may be available, then please contact the Student Admin Team on (01254) 354143 / 354032, call into Info+ (Broad Oak Centre) or email [studentadministration@accross.ac.uk](mailto:studentadministration@accross.ac.uk).

## Vulnerable Bursary

Learners in the defined vulnerable groups will be eligible for a bursary of £1,200 for courses that run for 30 weeks or more (pro-rata for courses that run for less than 30 weeks a year). Vulnerable bursaries are paid weekly by Bacs direct into the learner's bank account.

A vulnerable bursary is available to young people in one of the following defined vulnerable groups (subject to evidence being provided):

- Young people who are looked after (in care)
- Young people leaving care
- Young people receiving Income Support (or the equivalent Universal Credit) in their own right
- Disabled young people getting **both** Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (or

Personal Independence Payments) **and** Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (or Universal Credit to replace ESA) in their own right

## Free Meals

To be eligible to 'Free Meals' you or your parents must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (but must not be in receipt of Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- In receipt of Universal Credit with net earnings of up to and including £7400 (£616.67 per month)

## Care to Learn

Care to Learn is child care for young learners. You may be able to claim 'Care to Learn' funding if you are less than 20 years of age and need help with child care costs.

For further details about Care to Learn, please contact a member of the Student Admin Team on (01254) 354143 / 354039, or visit the official website at: <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>

## Discretionary Bursaries

Discretionary bursaries are awarded to help with the costs associated with participation whilst attending College, and includes, for example, travel, bus passes, food, books, uniform and equipment.

For the above you must complete a 16-18 bursary application form.

## Travel Passes

The College provides subsidised travel passes from Lancashire Bus (Transdev) and Rosso Bus. The passes can be used anytime, including evenings and weekends and some holidays.

These will be available to learners at a cost of £30 per term. Payment can be made in advance of main enrolment. Replacement Pass cost is £12.

If the above travel arrangements do not meet the learners needs, they can apply for a contribution towards travelling expenses.

Learners can apply for a full refund at the end of each term subject to 100% attendance in all classes, learners must apply for a refund via Info+, so in effect their travel is then free.

For more information regarding routes and timetables, please visit [www.lancashirebus.co.uk](http://www.lancashirebus.co.uk) or <http://rossobus.com/>

For further details about travel, please contact a member of the Student Admin Team on (01254) 354143 / 354039.

## Part-Time 16-18 Learners

Call into Info+ to find out what financial support may be available