

Financial Support and Bursaries 2021-22

Full-time 16-18 year old students



You can apply for financial support to help with the costs associated with your study, for example, travel costs, food, kit and uniform.

To be eligible to receive a 16-19 Bursary in the 2021/22 academic year, you must be aged 16 or over and under 19 on 31 August 2021. 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.

To Apply

All applications will be assessed on an individual basis.

We recommend that you apply early as funds are limited and demand is always high. You can apply on the College's online secure portal 'Pay My Student' using your College Office 365 login details at: <https://nelson.paymystudent.com>. Please log on to: <https://nelson.paymystudent.com>

Please note continuing and progressing learners need to re-apply each academic year for financial assistance – there is no automatic carry forward of any award given.

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 monthly by Bacs direct into the learner's bank account.

Vulnerable groups entitled to this bursary:

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right.

Free Meals

To be eligible for 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 a Government scheme to help young parents with childcare costs whilst studying. You may be able to claim 'Care to Learn' funding if you are under 20 years of age and need help with child care costs.

For further details visit the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>

Discretionary Bursaries

Discretionary bursaries* are awarded on a case by case basis and are dependent on individual circumstances. Support available may include travel, bus passes, food, books, uniform and equipment.

Travel Passes

The College provides a FREE* Transdev travel pass if your household income is less than £31,496. A subsidised* travel pass is available to all 16-18 year old students whose annual household income exceeds £31,496.

Passes can be used anytime, including evenings, weekends, half terms and summer holidays!

Contact Details

For further information or support please contact Student Services at the College you will be studying at.

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