

19+ Financial and Bursary Support | 2022 - 2023

FEE REMISSION

You may be entitled to fee remission if one or more of the following apply:

- You are unemployed or earn less than £18,525
- You are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits
- You have not studied a full equivalent level 2/3 course previously (aged 19-23 only, subject to funding rules)
- You qualify under the Free Course for Jobs scheme (Level 3 Qualifications only)

This is dependent on personal circumstances and subject to eligibility.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

If you do not qualify under any of the criteria above and are interested in studying a course at Level 3 or above (excluding HE courses), you may be able to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to pay for your course fees.

Loan repayments are linked to what you earn when you have finished the course, not how much you borrowed. You only need to start paying back your Advanced Learner Loan when you are above the threshold determined by your loan plan. For more information on Advanced Learner Loans visit:

www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loans

To apply you will need a National Insurance Number and a valid passport. Other forms of identification can be accepted e.g. birth certificate, however the process will take longer without a passport. You will need a Learning and Funding Information Letter (LFIL) from the College to complete your loan application.

CHILDCARE SUPPORT

If your household income is less than £35,000 (gross) per year, you may be eligible for help towards the cost of childcare. You will need to bring in evidence to show your income or proof that you are in receipt of a relevant benefit.

If you are under 20 at the start of the course you can apply for childcare costs through the government care to learn scheme. For more info visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

If you are aged 20 or above at the start of the course and you require support with childcare you will need to fill in a Childcare form and bursary application. **Please contact Student Services for more details.**

COLLEGE BURSARY FUNDS

Assistance may be available from our College Bursary Funds if your household income is less than £35,000 (gross) per year. You will need to bring in evidence to show your income or proof that you are in receipt of a relevant benefit.

All 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.

We recommend that you apply early as funds are limited and demand is always high. You can apply on the College's secure portal 'Pay My Student' using your College Office 365 login details at: <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 previous award given.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS BURSARY

If you have paid for your course with an Advanced Learner Loan and your household income is under £35,000, you may be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Advanced Learner Loan Bursary.

DISCRETIONARY BURSARIES

If you are not eligible for bursary under any of these categories, then you may be able to apply for a Discretionary bursary. These are awarded in exceptional circumstances on a case by case basis. Support available may include travel, bus passes, food, books, uniform and equipment.

TRAVEL PASSES

If you are aged 19 or over with a household income of less than £35,000, you can apply for a FREE* or subsidised* travel pass.