

Financial support guidance for students aged 16-18 (19-23 LLDD) 2019-20

Activate Learning has six bursaries for students aged 16-19 that might help you. This guide explains the schemes available, who can get them and how to apply.

Bursary	To be eligible you must....	You could get....								
Travel bursary	Be attending the nearest college offering the course to meet your learning aim and live more than 2.5 miles walking distance from college (using Google maps), have a gross household income of £32,000 a year or below or be in receipt of an income-based benefit. Apply by 10 August 2019 to ensure your pass is available at the start of term. You could get full or subsidised travel as follows:	Help with the cost of travel to and from college, normally up to a maximum of £2,000. The travel bursary will be made by the most cost efficient method. A travel pass subject to availability or monthly expenses paid in arrears by BACS. 15p per mile will be paid for fuel in exceptional circumstances. Monthly travel expenses are expected in your bank account at the beginning of each month.								
	Full travel bursary	Household income less than £16,190 a year or on an income-based benefit.								
	Subsidised travel bursary 1	Household income of £16,191 to £25,000 a year.								
	Subsidised travel bursary 2	Household income of £25,001 - £32,000 a year.								
Study start-up costs, trips and work placement bursary	Have a household income of less than £32,000 a year or be on an income-based benefit	A contribution towards study start-up costs. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> materials and stationery, equipment, uniform, course fees, books including revision books, expenses to attend university open days and interviews, fees for short courses that enhance your learning e.g lash tinting, confectionery, trips including trips abroad, work placement costs e.g travel, uniform, food credits N.B bursary funds do not support laptops or any other IT equipment. We ask that students purchase items and attach receipts for a refund. Any equipment or materials that are essential for the course may be borrowed from college, therefore the bursary cannot support towards these costs.								
Food credits	Be in receipt of or have parents who are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa If you receive Income Support or Universal Credit, please provide a copy of your DWP award notice that confirms which Employment and Support Allowance group you have been placed in. The evidence must confirm that you can be in further education and training. If you were a student in receipt of free meals before 1 April 2019 you will continue to receive free meals	Provision of a free breakfast or lunch for the days you are in college or when studying off-site e.g. on work experience/ placement. If your course is not based at a campus with a refectory, you will be awarded food credit expenses and receive a monthly BACS payment of £4.50/ day to buy meals. Payments arrive in your bank account at the beginning of each month. If you are not eligible for food credits under the standard criteria you may be able to access these through Student Support. Please speak to a member of the Student Support Team								
Vulnerable student bursary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be in local authority care or a care leaver receive Income Support or Universal Credit because you are financially supporting yourself and anyone who is dependent on you and living with you, such as a child or a partner. (You must receive these benefits in your own right, and evidence you can be in further education or training. You also need to provide a tenancy agreement in your own name or utility bills and if you have a child a child benefit letter or their birth certificate.) receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments plus Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in your own right If you are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) and Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit, your parents can no longer receive certain household/family benefits, such as Child Benefit.	You may receive a bursary up to a maximum £1,200 depending on your financial need. The bursary is paid pro-rotta for courses that are less than 30 weeks long or are part time. Payments will be made weekly unless your attendance is less than 92% during the previous week or if you fail to adhere to the code of conduct. You may receive a reduced bursary or no bursary if you do not have a financial need.								
Young carers bursary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a household income of less than £32,000 Be a young carer and provide evidence from a support agency or medical professional confirming your caring responsibilities. 	See vulnerable bursary.								
Residential Support Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be enrolled on a full time course, have a household income of less than £32,000 and be studying your first level 2 or level 3 qualification. The course must be either more than 20 miles or a two hour round trip from your home and not available any closer. 	Support with accommodation for the academic year as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Gross household income £</th> <th>£ per year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to £21,000</td> <td>Up to £3458 for five days' / week residence Up to £4,100 for seven days' residence / week (for students aged over 18 years)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£21,000 - £25,000</td> <td>Up to £2,305</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25,001 - £32,000</td> <td>Up to £1,152</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Gross household income £	£ per year	Up to £21,000	Up to £3458 for five days' / week residence Up to £4,100 for seven days' residence / week (for students aged over 18 years)	£21,000 - £25,000	Up to £2,305	25,001 - £32,000	Up to £1,152
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Care to Learn - a government scheme	Care to Learn eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you're a parent under 20 at the start of your course you're the main carer for your child you live in England your childcare provider qualifies Apply online at https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn	You can get up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £160 per child per week if you live outside London £175 per child per week if you live in London Care to Learn can help with the cost of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your childcare, including deposit and registration fees a childcare taster session for up to 5 days keeping your childcare place over the summer holidays taking your child to their childcare provider 								
How to apply	Complete the bursary fund application form and submit it with all the required evidence. Students may find it useful to get help completing the form from an adviser at the Advice Centre. Students will be notified of the outcome within four weeks of receipt of a fully completed application form with all the required evidence, by email where an email address has been provided. Application forms will only be processed if it has been completed and submitted with the required evidence.									

If you want to appeal a decision, you may appeal in writing with a supporting statement to Group Head of Advice and Admissions by email to studentfinance@activatelearning.ac.uk, or by post.