

Sixth Form Bursary

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What is the bursary fund?

 The 16-19 Bursary fund is a scheme made available from the government for 16-19 year olds to provide financial assistance to students for whom access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers.



What the bursary is for?

It is to be used primarily to pay for the following:

- Field Trips any field trip that relates to a course being taken. No additional subsidies will be available.
- Uniform any purchase must conform to the Schools uniform policy for Sixth Form.
- Educational IT Equipment and software e.g. laptop or tablet the School can purchase this item on behalf of the applicant, however, should the applicant wish to purchase the item themselves, the cost will be reimbursed on submission of a claim form and itemised receipt.
- Transport we will reimburse the cost of either a weekly or monthly season ticket or, where possible, purchase on the applicants behalf
- Stationery
- Books the School can order these on the applicants behalf
- University visits and interviews a maximum of two open day visits can be made during term time.
- School meals a set amount up to the value of the bursary will be agreed and we
 will notify you once this has been used



Who is eligible to apply for funding?

- This bursary is available to those students who would otherwise find it difficult to continue with their education.
- To be eligible to receive a bursary, you must be 16,17 or 18 years of age as of 31 August 2020.

 If you were a pupil premium student in Y11 you may qualify for a bursary.



There are two types of bursary fund:

Vulnerable Bursary

Available to young people who are identified as being:

- in care
- a care leaver
- in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own right, and/or;
- in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments in their own right

Eligible students will receive a Bursary <u>up to £1,200</u> which is dependent on meeting agreed attendance, progress and behaviour criteria - see **appendix 2 of the application form**.



Discretionary Bursary

This is a limited fund and the School will prioritise allocations. There will be 2 priority groups, categorised as:

High Priority Group (A)

• Young people with a gross annual household income of **below £20,000** will be eligible for a bursary of around **£800** for the academic year.

Low priority group (B)

• Young people with a gross annual household income of **between** £20,000 and £30,000 will be eligible for a bursary of around £400 for the academic year. They will receive the bursary which is based on 50% of the priority 'A' group.

Payment is dependent on meeting agreed attendance, progress and behaviour criteria - see appendix 2 of the application form.



Impact on household benefits

 Receiving 16-19 Bursary fund payments does not affect entitlement to other means-tested benefits such as Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Housing Benefit. If, however, the student is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) parents can no longer receive certain household/family benefits for that child, such as Child Benefit.



How do I apply?

Your parent/guardian needs to compete the application form.

- They will need to provide evidence of one of the following:
 - Family P60 And/Or Confirmation letter from HMRC or tax credits award
 - Certified evidence of Self Employment Income
- Both you and your parent/guardian need to sign the application form.
 - You also need to sign Appendix 2 The attendance, progress and behaviour agreement.

Hard copies of the application can be collected from Mrs Hook (Attendance Officer)- Her office is opposite reception.



<u>Application Deadline</u>

3pm on Monday 14 September 2020

 Application forms should be placed in a sealed envelope and handed in to reception, for the attention of Mrs C Hook and marked BURSARY FUND APPLICATION

 Further applications can be made at any time after this date but will be subject to funding being available.

Don't miss out!



Still not sure if you qualify for a bursary?

- Speak confidentially to your tutor, HOY or Mrs Hook (Attendance Officer).
- If you have any difficulties filling in the application or submitting the required evidence, let us know & we will help you!



For more information, including the application form, see:

- The year group Google Classroom.
- The school website: <u>https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=</u> Post%2D16+Bursary+Funding&pid=104