

Student Finance

2023-24 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

We realise that Further Education may involve some extra expenses and that you may need to reach out for financial support. The College holds Bursary funds for students, who meet the eligibility criteria, to provide financial support towards the costs related to attending college.

Students returning to the college must re-apply for a bursary each year, this application can be found [HERE](#).

Bursary funds are limited, so priority is given to students with greatest financial needs.

The funding available to you depends upon various factors such as age, course, household income and other government funding you are currently in receipt of.

If you are applying for one of the following bursaries; **16-18 Discretionary Bursary**, **Vulnerable Bursary**, **19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund** or **Advanced Learner Loan Bursary**, then you might like to use our eligibility calculator below to find out what you may be eligible for, depending upon the evidence you are able to provide.

STUDENT FINANCE ELIGIBILITY CALCULATOR

Student Finance Eligibility Calculator

Is the student between 16 and 18 years old on 31 August 2023?

Yes

No

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We also offer multiple bursaries for particular groups of students, coming to the College.

You will be able to choose the relevant option when applying online.

For 16-18 year old students

If the student is still living at home and the parents/guardians receive one of the recognised benefits with an income of less than £20K, they may meet the criteria for the **Discretionary Bursary**.

- If the student is currently in the care of the Local Authority or has recently left their care;
- If the student is receiving Universal Credit or Income Support as well as PIP or DLA in their own right;
- If the student themselves are receiving Universal Credit because they are financially supporting either a partner or child.

Then they may meet the criteria for the **Vulnerable Bursary**.

For students over the age of 19

If the student is studying a L1 or L2 qualification then they may be eligible for the 19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund and Aspire Grant.

If the student is studying a L3 qualification, and is not eligible for a fee waiver, then they may be eligible for the Advanced Learner Loan bursary.

Details of the criteria for each of the bursaries can be found on the relevant application form, together with the evidence which needs to be provided. Please note that failure to provide all pages of the evidence will result in a delay in processing your application for student finance.

What can be covered by the Bursary?

Dependent upon the student's age and the level of their studies, we may be able to help with a contribution towards the cost of travelling to The College, course equipment and course costs and so help students achieve their goals and successfully complete their course.

If you are unsure and would like some assistance, then please contact the Student Finance team by emailing studentfinance@bpc.ac.uk and they will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

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