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16 - 19 Bursary Funding Allocation Criteria

ELIGIBILITY

The following criteria will be considered;

- Annual household income
- Number of dependent children in full-time education in the household
- Whether courses followed need specialist equipment or clothing
- Costs associated with travel to and from school

A. VULNERABLE STUDENT BURSARY

Bursary 1: High priority award

This contains the following defined vulnerable groups: Young people in care or care leavers; Young people receiving Income Support or Universal Credit; Young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance; Annual household income below £7,000.

Where students fall into one or more of these groups, they are eligible for a bursary (this can be calculated on a pro-rata basis where appropriate).

Evidence required - One of either: P60 or self-employment income evidence, Tax Credit/Universal Credit forms confirming annual household income or information in the extra information box on the form

B. DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

Bursary 2: Medium priority award

Students who receive free school meals or whose annual household income is above £7,000 but below £16,000.

Evidence required - One of either: eligibility for Free School Meals, certified letter from DWP, family P60, self-employment income evidence, Universal Credit forms or three months' bank statements/pay slips confirming annual total household income.

Bursary 3: Lower priority award

Students whose household is in receipt of means tested benefits or whose annual household income is between £16,000 and £20,999. These students will receive a smaller bursary.

Evidence required - One of either: certified letter from DWP, family P60, self-employment income evidence, Universal Credit forms or three months' bank statements/pay slips confirming household income or other means tested certification confirming annual household income.

Bursary 4: Discretionary payment

Students whose annual household income is between £21,000 and £26,000 can apply for bursaries to contribute to specific one-off needs involved directly with their education. The bursary award is at the discretion of the Head of 6th Form after a conversation with the student.

Bursaries 1, 2 and 3 are paid in arrears during each half term and are dependent upon full attendance, punctuality, completion of work set, attainment of learning targets.