



Financial Support for Young People (16-18) at Bolton College 2023-24

There are different types of financial support on offer to young people aged 16 to 18 (on or before 31/08/2023) at the College. Please read this information leaflet carefully to see if you qualify, what evidence you may need to show us to prove you qualify; and what you will receive if you do qualify.

Student Support Allowance:

You qualify for this type of bursary only if:

- ✓ You are aged under 19 and in the care of the local authority or have recently left care **or**
- ✓ You are aged under 19 and receive Universal Credit in your own right **or**
- ✓ You are aged under 19 and receive Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) **and also** receive PIP/DLA in your own right.

Evidence needed would be a letter from your social worker explaining you are Looked after or have recently been looked after, or your award letters for all the benefits you receive (must be dated in the last 6 months). We will need your bank details too so we can pay you directly into your account.

What would you get on the Student Support Allowance?

- ✓ Up to £33 per week during term time paid into your bank account in arrears. Payment is based on full attendance at College.
- ✓ Costs of essential equipment (your tutor will tell you if there is essential equipment for your course and you can buy it, keep the receipt for us and we will refund the cost).
- ✓ A Free College Meals payment of £4.00 for each day you study in College, accessed via your College ID badge.

Discretionary Bursary:

You can receive this type of Bursary if your family household income is no more than £30,000 per year and you have **90%+** attendance at College

Evidence needed would be your parent/carer's income and we will check your attendance using registers once you start your course.

What would you get on a Discretionary Bursary?

- ✓ Costs of essential equipment (your tutor will tell you if there is essential equipment for your course and you can buy it, keep the receipt for us and we will refund the cost).
- ✓ Help with travel costs if you travel more than 1 mile (1.6 km) from your home to the College Campus where you are studying. (We use Google maps to check distances)
- ✓ If you live in the Greater Manchester (GM) Area and are travelling to College by bus we recommend that you order an "Our Pass" card, which entitles you to free bus travel within GM
- ✓ If you live outside the GM area College will contribute to your travel costs by agreeing with you the cost of your travel to College, and then paying money directly into your bank account in arrears.
- ✓ Bursary payments to help with the general cost of attending College, worth up to £360 over the year

Free College Meals:

You will receive Free College Meal support worth **£4** for each day you are studying, if you are eligible for the Student Support Allowance or if your parent/carer receives one of the following income based benefits:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- ✓ Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit ✓ National Asylum Seeker's Support
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) on income less than £16,191 (as assessed by HMRC)
- ✓ Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa

Students who qualify for the Discretionary Bursary, but whose family don't receive these benefits, will receive Discretionary Free Meals support of **£4** per day.

Applying to the College for Financial Assistance:

The College Funds available to support students are limited and applying for these funds does not guarantee assistance.

- ✓ To apply for assistance please go online and complete the **2023-24 16-18 Bursary Application** here <https://bit.ly/16-18Bursary2023-24>
- ✓ You will need to upload your financial evidence to the Learner Hub
- ✓ Alternatively email the evidence to studentfinance@boltoncc.ac.uk quoting your College ID number in the email
- ✓ Please note that when funds are exhausted applications will be refused. We deal with applications on a first come first served basis.
- ✓ If you are struggling with any part of the process of applying for assistance the Student Finance Team will be happy to help.
- ✓ You can contact the Student Finance Team on at studentfinance@boltoncc.ac.uk