

Hazelwick School Sixth Form 16-19 Bursary Fund

From September 2021, sixth form students who might struggle with education costs may be eligible to receive a bursary. Under this scheme, schools and colleges are able to make guaranteed or discretionary payments to support low-income students with costs such as transport, meals and course equipment.

In line with other schools and colleges, Hazelwick is offering support to students facing genuine financial difficulties. In order to determine your eligibility, please read the information on the school website, download and complete the 2021/22 application form.

Free School Meals*

In addition to the bursary, students can also apply for free school meals (FSM). Students must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31st August 2022. Students aged 19 or over are only eligible to receive FSM if they are continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 or have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

*FSM -Education Act 1996, extension for students for FE courses 2014.

Bursary Structure and Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a bursary during 2021/22 academic year the student must be aged under 19 on 31 August 2022. In general, bursaries will be paid only to young people who have reached the statutory school leaving age and will be awarded on receipt of documents as evidence.

The Bursary Fund has two elements, a guaranteed bursary and a discretionary bursary.

Guaranteed Bursary:

Students most in need will be eligible to receive a bursary. This group includes:

- students in care
- students leaving care
- students claiming income support /universal credit
- disabled students who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (Personal Independence Payments)

Discretionary Bursary:

Distribution of this element of the funding is at the discretion of Hazelwick School and will be targeted towards students facing the greatest financial barriers to participation. Students in this category are entitled to apply for items that are clearly linked to benefiting a student's education. Students who are facing financial difficulty may be awarded a bursary should they meet one or more of the criteria:

Students may be eligible if your parents are claiming one or more of these benefits:

- Carer's Allowance
- Child Tax
- Universal Credit
- Free School Meals
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income-based).
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.

In some circumstances Hazelwick School may be able to assist with costs due to extenuating or exceptional circumstances. Please contact our Sixth Form Coordinator dhughes@hazelwick.org.uk to arrange to meet or discuss the matter.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is a limited amount of funding which means that it will not be possible to support every application and priority will be given to those students with the lowest household income and/or with the highest demonstrated need.

Please can all **applications** be received by 30 September 2021
– applications can be made after this date but will depend on availability of funding.

Please note that an application needs to be made for each year of study.
A successful application in Year 12 does not automatically mean the student will receive a bursary in Year 13.