

# 16-18 BURSARY FUND

To be eligible to apply for 16-18 Bursary fund you must be enrolled on a full time study programme:

- aged 16 but under 19 or
- aged 19-24 and have an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) or
- aged 19 and continuing a study programme you started aged 16-18 (19+ continuer)

Age is calculated from 31st August in the academic year of study. Bursaries for defined vulnerable groups are for 16-18s only.

Bursary fund offers support to students who may encounter financial barriers to learning to assist you with the cost of travel, meals, equipment, educational visits and other course related costs.

Please be aware that, even if you meet the eligibility criteria, there is no automatic entitlement to bursary and there is a possibility of no award or a limited award. Applications will be assessed and support will be awarded dependent on your financial needs and funds being available.

The college expects 100% attendance and bursary support is dependent upon a minimum attendance of 90%, punctuality, behaviour and achievement while at college.

Bursary awards will start from the date all information has been provided and may not be backdated.

## BURSARIES & BENEFITS

Receipt of bursary funding does not affect receipt of other means tested benefits paid to families such as Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.

However, if a student is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC), parents can no longer receive certain household family benefits for that child such as child benefit.

Bursary awards are intended to meet the cost of attending college such as travel, meals etc. and not to support general living costs.

## APPEALS

You have the right to appeal if you are not satisfied with any decision regarding bursary support or payments. Appeals must be made in writing and sent to: **Bursary Appeals, Wirral Met College, Conway Park Campus, Europa Boulevard, Birkenhead, CH41 4NT** within four weeks of the date you are appealing.

If there are any mitigating circumstances, you must provide supporting evidence, for example, doctor's note, hospital appointment letter, etc. The appeals panel will meet termly and you will be informed in writing of the outcome of your appeal. The decision of the appeals panel is final.

# MONEY MATTERS

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS

### YOU COULD BE ENTITLED TO ... A LAPTOP, MEALS ALLOWANCE, CHILDCARE SUPPORT & MORE!



### BURSARY ENQUIRIES

Please direct any bursary enquiries to the Student Financial Support Team.

### WAYS TO CONTACT US:

📞 0151 551 7432 / 7431

✉️ [student.financialsupport@wmc.ac.uk](mailto:student.financialsupport@wmc.ac.uk)

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## 16-18 DISCRETIONARY BURSARY AWARDS

You may be eligible for support from the bursary based on household income, check your eligibility below:

HOUSEHOLD INCOME Your household income includes whoever you live with who is supporting you financially for example parents, guardians, step-parents or your parent's partner.				
<b>Eligible Welfare Benefits:</b> - Income Support (IS) - Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) - Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - The guarantee element of State Pension Credit - Child Tax Credit (CTC) with a total annual gross income of less than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and not receiving Working Tax Credit - Working Tax Credit (WTC) run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC - Universal Credit (UC) with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa	Loan of IT equipment to enable access to remote study due to COVID-19	Meals allowance to the value of of £2.41 per day of attendance in college	Help with travel costs	Discretionary bursary award for course related costs
Household income up to £20,000 PA	Loan of IT equipment to enable access to remote study due to COVID-19	Meals allowance to the value of of £2.41 per day of attendance in college	Help with travel costs	No
Household income between £20,000 – £30,000 PA	Loan of IT equipment to enable access to remote study due to COVID-19	No	Help with travel costs	No

## 16-18s WHO FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

CRITERIA				
In care	Loan of IT equipment to enable access to remote study due to COVID-19	Weekly payment includes meals allowance	Weekly payment includes travel allowance	Discretionary payment towards other course related costs
Have been in care and now classed as a care leaver				
In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit because you financially support yourself				
In receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in your own right and Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit in your own right				

You will need to provide relevant, recent evidence so we can assess your eligibility for support from the bursary, please submit copies along with your application form. Acceptable evidence could include one or more of the following:

- benefits entitlement letter
- universal credit statement
- P60
- month 12 or week 52/53 payslip
- self assessment return / letter from accountant

- written confirmation of your current or previous looked-after status from the relevant local authority
- evidence that you are financially supporting yourself for example a tenancy agreement in your name, utility bill etc.

**Childcare support is available from Care to Learn (C2L) apply online [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)**

**FREE BREAKFAST! – We offer a free Breakfast Club with tea and toast. Monday-Friday from 8:15am to 8:50am. (term-time only)**