

Financial Support at Bury College 2020 / 2021

If you are **aged 19+** you may be eligible to apply for support for travel and childcare costs from either the **Adult Discretionary Learner Support Funds** or the **Advanced Learner Loan Bursary**

Please Note: both these funds are extremely limited and therefore **NO GUARANTEE** of funding can be made.

Eligibility Criteria: you are eligible to apply if you are aged 19+ on 31st August 2020, studying on a relevant course and your total annual household income is less than £30,000 per annum.

Household income will be calculated using the following information (**evidence will be required**) -

- Tax Credits – Working Tax and Child Tax Credit – all pages of 2020/21 Tax Credit Award Notice will be required
- Earnings / Wage – 3 most recent pay slips, P60, end of year business accounts or taken from 2020/2021 Tax Credit Award Notice if preferred
- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance (Incapacity Benefit)
- Universal Credit

Personal Independence Payment (Disability Living Allowance) and the Disability Element of any Child Tax Credits will NOT be taken into account as part of household income – **please make us aware if this is part of any payment you receive as it is not always evident.**

Funds for Hardship

You can apply for funding to help towards **transport costs, food at college** and towards the costs of **essential** equipment, uniform and trips provided these are **compulsory** to you completing your course and are not already provided for you by the college.

If you are eligible, you will receive

- 100% contribution towards travel costs for students who live more than 1 mile from college (not including parking costs). This will be paid on a fortnightly basis during term time.
- 75% contribution towards **compulsory** course costs eg uniform and equipment required for students who are **co-funded** on their course to a maximum value of £400
- 75% contribution to **essential** course trips without which the students could not complete their course
- £3 per day towards the cost of food at college awarded based on the number of days in college per week.

All awards are subject to meeting the **Terms and Conditions of Payment** as shown on the reverse of this document and the required levels of attendance, behaviour, attitude and commitment.

Application forms for hardship will be available online to enrolled students from **24th August 2020.**

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Terms and Conditions of Payment

You are **NOT eligible** for funding if –

- you are studying on a waged Apprenticeship or Higher Education course
- you have been released on temporary license from prison or young offender institution
- you are receiving support through Additional Learning Support for the same purpose.

Funding will only be awarded provided the student –

- meets the application criteria and has provided all relevant information / documents requested
- applies before the closing date for applications (if applicable)
- has an overall attendance of at least 95% on the date of application

Receipt of fortnightly payments will be based on –

- at least 95% overall attendance
- satisfactory behaviour, attitude and commitment in class

All Support Funds are extremely limited and therefore NO GUARANTEE of funding can be made.

Payments are made directly into Student Bank Accounts so it is advisable to ensure you have an account opened **before** you apply.

Applications will be available online from **24th August 2020** and will remain open whilst there are funds available

Funds for Childcare

There is a limited amount of funding available to support with childcare costs

Funding for childcare will only be provided for

- the day / times the student is in timetabled lessons (but will allow for travel time to/from college etc)

and **will not be provided** to cover

- free study periods
- half term / holiday weeks (you may be required to pay the full fee for these weeks)
- deposits or retainer fees
- additional costs for meals etc not already included in the main nursery fee.

If you are eligible you will receive

- **80% contribution** towards childcare costs on a term time only basis for a maximum of 3 children

All awards are subject to meeting the Terms and Conditions of Payment as shown on the previous page.

Failure to keep up to date with payments to your childcare provider will also result in funding being stopped.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Childcare Funding is **extremely limited** and is offered on a **first come first served basis** subject to eligibility.

If you think you will require childcare funding for your course you are strongly advised to **contact Student Services as soon as possible.**

For further information please contact Student Services on 0161 280 8421 or via email financial.support@burycollege.ac.uk