

Free College Meals

To be eligible for Free College Meals you must be –

- Aged 16-18 on 31st August 2020 and enrolled in Further Education provision funded by the Education Funding Agency (not an Apprenticeship)
- Be in receipt of, or have parents who are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:
 - Income Support
 - Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 per annum
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working tax Credit and yearly income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by HMRC)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC)

You will be required to provide current evidence of receipt of the above.

Further details on how to apply will be sent with your enrolment information and you will be required to provide a photocopy of up to date evidence which demonstrates receipt of one or more of the above.

Application forms for Free College Meals will be available from Student Services in Millennium M300i and you can apply at any time during the college year.

VYP and 16-19 Bursary

For those students aged 16-18 there are 2 types of funding available (subject to eligibility criteria)

Vulnerable Young Persons Bursary (for students aged 16-18 on 31st August 2020)

You are eligible to apply if one of the following statements applies to you–

- You are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit because you are financially supporting yourself
- You are in receipt of Employment Support Allowance **AND** Disability Living Allowance (Personal Independence Payment) in your own name
- You are in care or have recently left care

If the above criteria apply to you either at the start of your course or at any point during the year please do not hesitate to contact Student Services for an application form – **there is no closing date to apply for this fund.**

If you are eligible you will receive

- a fortnightly payment to help with the costs of coming to college
- a contribution to travel expenses if you are **not eligible** to apply for the free Greater Manchester Bus Pass 'Our Pass'
- a refund of the 'Our Pass' application fee
- £3.00 per day towards the cost of food at college (if you are not already eligible for via the Free College meals scheme)
- 100% contribution to **compulsory course costs** during the year to a maximum combined value of £1200.

16-19 Bursary

Please Note: this fund is extremely limited and therefore **NO GUARANTEE** of funding can be made.

To be eligible for the bursary you must be –

- Aged 16-18 on 31st August 2020 and studying on an FE programme (not an Apprenticeship)
- Be in receipt of, or have parents who are in receipt of, one or more of the following **eligible benefits**:
 - Income Support
 - Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 per annum
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working tax Credit and yearly income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by HMRC)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC)

You will be required to provide current evidence of receipt of the above.

OR

- Have a household income of less than £26,200 (**Current evidence will be required**)

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

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

*may be referred to as Universal Credit for new applicants

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.**

If you are eligible you will receive

- a contribution to travel expenses if you are **not eligible** to apply for the free Greater Manchester Bus Pass 'Our Pass'
- a refund of the 'Our Pass' application fee
- £3.00 per day towards the cost of food at college (if you are not already eligible via the Free College Meals scheme)
- 75% contribution to **compulsory course costs** eg compulsory uniform, equipment and **essential** trips (to a maximum value of £400) subject to meeting the required levels of attendance, behaviour, attitude and commitment.

Application forms will be available online via the college website or from Student Services (M300i) from **24th August 2020**.

Terms and Conditions of Payment for all Bursaries

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.

Bursary funds 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
- attendance at compulsory Maths and English classes (GCSE &/or Functional Skills) and work experience placements
- satisfactory behaviour, attitude and commitment including being up to date with work

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

Applications will be available online via the college website from **24th August 2020** and the initial closing date is **4pm on Friday 25th September 2020**.

Applications may then re-open at a later date
(subject to availability of funds)

In the first instance, funding will only be backdated to the date at which the completed application was received and is based on a minimum of 95% attendance.

Childcare for Students aged 16-20

If you start your course before your 20th birthday, you are entitled to apply to Care to Learn for support with your childcare costs.

Further information on how to apply can be found at www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Student Services on 0161 280 8421 or via email financial.support@burycollege.ac.uk