

Students who are aged 19+ and have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are eligible to apply for **Free College Meals** and the **16-18 Bursary** where they meet the additional criteria for the support.

Free College Meals

To be eligible for Free College Meals you must be –

- enrolled in Further Education provision funded by the Education Funding Agency
AND
- 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.

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

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 –

- Studying on an FE programme
- Be in receipt of, or have parents who are in receipt of one of the Free College Meals eligible benefits as stated above **OR** have a household income of less than £26,200 (**Current evidence will be required**)

Students will receive

- A contribution towards travel expenses if they are not eligible for free travel via their local authority or the free Greater Manchester Bus pass 'Our Pass'
- 75% contribution towards **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.

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.**

Application forms will be available online via the college website 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 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

16-18 Bursary funds are extremely limited and therefore NO GUARANTEE of funding can be made.

Payments are made directly into named Student Bank Accounts or an account held in respect of that student 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)

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