

Application for the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund

Name:

Form:

The fund is made available from the government through its funding body - Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) for 16-18 year olds - to provide assistance to students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers.

How does Tuxford Academy assess applications and allocate 16-19 Bursary funding?

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a limited fund and the Academy will prioritise allocation.

There are 3 priority groups, categorised as:

HIGH (Vulnerable student bursary)

You could get up to £1,200 if at least 1 of the following applies:

1. you're in or recently left local authority care
2. you are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit (UC) in your name
3. you're disabled in receipt of both Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC), **and** either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your name

- *If you qualify by category 1 above please provide written confirmation of current/previous 'Looked After' status from the relevant Local Authority or their Leaving Care Review Document*
- *If you qualify by category 2 or 3 above a letter from DWP is required saying which benefit the young person is entitled to. The letter should confirm that they can be in further education or training.*
- *Payments will be made weekly by BACS.*

N.B. Universal Credit (UC) is being rolled out across the country. It will gradually replace Income Support and the Employment and Support Allowance, which are both qualifying benefits for the vulnerable bursary. Universal Credit award notifications do not include any information on the benefits they replace. For the academic year beginning in September 2016, any student claiming a vulnerable bursary based on a UC award must indicate which benefit it has replaced, so that you can complete the SBSS claims form correctly.

MEDIUM (Discretionary bursary)

You will qualify for a bursary of between £10 - £30 per week dependent on meeting agreed attendance and progress criteria if you are a student who is currently (*this will be subject to availability of funds*):

- ✓ eligible for Free School Meals (applicants must be under 19 on 31st August of the current academic year) or
- ✓ be aged 19 or over at 31 August 2017 and have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- ✓ be aged 19 or over at 31 August 2017 and continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers')
- ✓ meet the residency criteria in EFA 2017 to 2018 academic year funding regulations for post-16 provision

- *Payments will be made weekly by BACS.*

LOW (Discretionary bursary)

Students living in a home where there is a gross annual household income of **between £16,192 and £25,000** (*proof of income must accompany the application e.g. P60 or wage slip/s which states the annual household income*).

Those in the low priority group will be considered for funding based on the Academy allocation and subject to available funding after those in the high and medium priority groups have been awarded. Students in this group may receive a

contribution of up to £200 maximum towards the cost of essential course equipment and transport costs which could include (evidence will be required):-

1. Course equipment such as text books, revision guides, IT equipment
2. Trips related to subjects
3. Half-fare bus pass or equivalent travel claim
4. University/College/Apprenticeship visits
5. UCAS application
6. Additional qualifications (e.g. First Aid)
7. Re-sit costs (if applicable)

Pre-approval for these items will be required before any payments will be made. Payments will be made on, as and when required basis.

Students qualifying for the full bursary will be dealt with on a priority basis and all other payments will be made subject to final applicant numbers.

Your Student Learner Agreement

This agreement is a promise.

You promise to:

- ✓ Attend **all** registration sessions
- ✓ Attend **all** your classes punctually
- ✓ Do **all** your course work on time and to a satisfactory standard
- ✓ Do **all** your homework on time and to a satisfactory standard
- ✓ Obey **all** the rules of the school and your tutor(s)
- ✓ Notify the school on the **first day** of any absence
- ✓ Notify the school **in advance** of any appointment

Your school promise to:-

- ✓ Explain what you have to do on your course
- ✓ Explain what results you have to get from the course
- ✓ Explain the rules of the school

REMEMBER

You must have 100% attendance and have no effort or behaviour issues to receive your weekly payment.

If you are ill your payment may be affected, you must telephone the school or college straight away and advise Mrs Cupit, Post 16 Office, a decision will be made on an individual basis.

Non-urgent appointments with doctors and dentist **must** be made **outside school time**.

You must obey all the school rules and listen to your tutor or your Bursary may be suspended.

You **will not** be paid for holidays.

You **will be** paid for **authorised** study leave.

Absence from school

There are two types of absence:-

Authorised absences

1. Appointments with doctors and dentists **must** be made outside normal school time, unless an emergency Appointment is required. For fixed appointments such as hospital, orthodontist or driving TEST **proof of appointment will be required before absence**; this should be handed to Mrs Cupit in the Post 16 Office.
2. Death of a close relative or friend – you must tell your tutor and Mrs Cupit as soon as possible.
3. Official religious festivals – up to 4 days in any school year, provided you tell your tutor in advance.

Unauthorised absences

- 1.Examples of unauthorised absences are given below :-
- 2.holidays
- 3.driving LESSON
- 4.absence from any lesson
- 5.illness of other members of the family (*unless agreed by school*)
- 6.helping at home
- 7.taking younger brothers or sisters to school
- 8.doctors appointment within school time
- 9.**Sickness is not accepted as a reason for authorised absence** unless there are special circumstances (see Authorised absences no. 1).
10. Lateness after the register has closed for any reason.

I confirm that I have read and agree to comply with the Student Learner Agreement.

Student name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

Student signature:

Date:

This application for assistance from the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund is made under the priority group of:

High	<i>Proof of allowance required</i>	<i>Please tick</i>
Medium	<i>Must be in receipt of Free School Meals</i>	
Low	<i>Proof of income required e.g. P60 or wage slip/s which states the annual household income)</i>	

Learner details:

Surname/Family name:	
First names:	
Date of birth:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Home phone:	
Email address:	
Mobile number:	

Learner Bank or Building Society details:

<i>To receive payments you must have a bank account in your own name.</i>							
Full name of account holder: <i>(The student must hold an account in their own name)</i>							
Name of bank:							
Branch:							
Sort code: <i>(6 digits)</i>			-			-	
Account/Roll number:							

I confirm the details contained on this application form are true and accurate.

Student signature:

Date:

Correspondence will be via the email address you have provided.

Parent/Carer details:

Surname/Family name:	
First names:	
Date of birth:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
National Insurance Number:	
Home phone:	
Mobile phone:	
Household income:	

I confirm the details on this application for are true and accurate.

Parent/Carer signature:

Date:

Data Protection Declaration:

The information on this form is required by Tuxford Academy to assess your eligibility for financial support during your Post 16 studies. The information will be processed solely for that purpose and will be treated as confidential, but may be passed to government funding agencies record and process the information on this form. Your application will be retained for 6 years

Complete this form and return to Mrs Cupit in the Post 16 Office