

16-19 Bursary and Free College Meals Guidance

Depending on your, or your parents/ carers, circumstances, you may be able to access certain types of financial assistance whilst you attend your course with Dv8.

For each type of support, you will be required to submit an application form and provide evidence of the criteria you have selected before we can assess your claim. Returning learners will need to submit new claims.



Learner Support Fund (Discretionary Bursary)

The Learner Support Fund is targeted at learners who need financial assistance in order to attend and complete their course.

This bursary can help with things like equipment, travel, food, trips, attending Open Days or Job/ University interviews and can be applied for at various points in the year. You may also be able to access an 'emergency' fund - you should speak to the Centre Team about this.

Learners will receive their bursary into their bank account which is paid weekly. Where this is not possible, payments may be in 'in kind' (e.g. in the form of NUS card or equipment.) and may be subject to conditions set out by the college.

Funding is limited so some requests may not be met and not all learners will receive support throughout their whole course. Decisions for the Learner Support Fund will be made on an individual basis and learners may be asked for further information to assess eligibility, or for review throughout the year. Attendance, punctuality and behaviour will also be considered when allocating payments - particularly where long term payments are being made, please note, we do not pay for authorised or unauthorised absences and lateness will be deducted.

Criteria:

Are you or your parent/ carer in receipt of one or more of the following;

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credits (whilst not receiving Working Tax Credits) with a gross household income of no more than £16,000pa
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit Run On (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit with a gross household income of under £27,000pa
- Housing Benefit or Local Housing Allowance
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme
- Carer's Allowance
- Self employed with a gross household income under £27,000pa
- Other circumstance that could financially inhibit your ability to attend college.

Guaranteed Bursary



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This is a payment of up to £1,200 per academic year for learner following a programme of 30 week or more.

This is a Government scheme but payments will be made by Dv8 Sussex weekly into your bank account.

You will receive £12 each day you attend college - we do not pay for authorised or unauthorised absences and lateness will be deducted.

The bursary is designed to support you to access and attend your course and may be used, for example to help with your travel costs associated with coming to Dv8, equipment and lunches.

Criteria:

- In care or a care leaver
- In receipt of Income Support/ Universal Credit
- In receipt of Employment Support Allowance/ Universal Credit (with limited capability to work component) **and** Disability Living Allowance/ Personal Independence Payment

Free College Meals

If you or your parent/ guardian fall into the categories stated by the Government you may be entitled to a free meal each day you attend college.

This is set at the value of £2.41 by the Government. Learners will receive a sandwich, a snack and a drink each day they are in. The Centre Team will provide more details about this when you begin your course.

Criteria:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (whilst not receiving Working Tax Credits) with a gross household income of no more than £16,190pa
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

Please note the following;

- If evidence is not submitted with the application, or some is missing, the application will be delayed.
- Payments are dependent on your attendance and behaviour in college.
- Bursaries are paid a week in lieu, and are not paid over half term breaks and holidays.



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