

2020-21

Discretionary Bursary Fund Information

For Students aged 16 - 18

Discretionary Bursary Fund – Are you eligible?

To apply to this fund, you must be:

- Aged 16, 17 or 18 at the start of your course (At least 16 and under 19 on 1st September 2020), or aged 19 to 24 with a current EHCP.
- Studying a 'funded' course at Fareham College (students studying apprenticeships are **not** eligible)
- UK resident or meet sufficient residency criteria
- Living in a household where the income level is below £25,000 per year

Discretionary Bursary Fund - How to apply

1. Check that you meet **all** of the criteria listed above.
2. Complete the application form overleaf and **attach evidence of household income as listed on the form** – please note that photocopied evidence **IS** acceptable. **IF YOU ARE POSTING, PLEASE NOTE THAT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED WITHOUT A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**
3. Send the application form and evidence to the address below (please ensure that you add enough postage), or email the electronic application form and your scanned/photographed income evidence to debbie.goodall@fareham.ac.uk

Discretionary Bursary Fund - What happens next?

- **We will aim to process your application within two weeks from the date we receive it.**
- If you have **not** answered all of the questions or you have **not** provided evidence of your household income/circumstances, then we will return the form to you and this will delay your application.
- When we have assessed your application we will write to you to explain how your award will be paid. Depending on your chosen course the College may use the funding to;
 - order equipment or pay for items on your behalf such as bus passes or kits
 - or reimburse you for equipment/items you have already purchased
 - or provide you with funding towards the purchase of equipment required for your course
- If your application is unsuccessful we will send you a letter explaining why which will include details of **how you can appeal** the decision.

Email your completed electronic application form and scanned/electronic proof of income to: bursary@fareham.ac.uk

Or

please send your printed completed application form and proof of income to:

Student Support
Fareham College
Bishopsfield Road
Fareham
PO14 1NH

Application for Financial Support 2020-21

16 – 18 Discretionary Bursary Fund



Section 1: Student Personal Details

First Name:		Last Name:	
Date of Birth:		Age on 01/09/20:	
Address:			
Post code:		Email address:	
Mobile no:		Home tel No:	

Section 2: Course Details

Course Name:		Start Date:	
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Section 3: Student Personal Circumstances

Please ✓ all of the statements below that apply to you			
I live with my parent(s)/guardian(s)		I am a young parent	
I live with my partner		I am financially independent	
I am in Care		You may be entitled to further support – please do not complete this form. Please complete the <u>Vulnerable Bursary</u> Application Form	
I am a Care Leaver			
I receive Income Support or Universal Credit because I am under 19 and I live independently from my parents			
I receive Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments and Employment & Support Allowance			

Section 4: What do you need assistance with?

Please ✓ all the boxes that you think may apply	
Do you have access to IT facilities that you can use at home? e.g. laptop/tablet? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art/Fashion/Media/Photography materials allowance <input type="checkbox"/> Catering kit <input type="checkbox"/> Hairdressing and/or Beauty Therapy kit <input type="checkbox"/> Protective clothing for Construction, Motor Vehicle, or Engineering courses <input type="checkbox"/> Trips Fee (for essential College trips only)	<input type="checkbox"/> College bus pass <input type="checkbox"/> Rail travel support <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare Costs – Please note that you will need to apply to Care to Learn for your childcare funding. Please contact the Bursary Support Service on 0800 121 8989 for details on how to apply.

Free College Meals

If you received free meals at school and are now aged 16 – 18 you may be entitled to free meals at College as well. To check if you are eligible you will need to apply online via the Hampshire County Council Free Meals portal: **www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/fe-apply**

Please note that your application for Free College Meals can only be made on this website, you can find out more about the process on the College website or from the 'Free College Meals' leaflet.

Section 5: Household Income Details

Please use the table below to tell us about your income. Please note that this is an assessment of **household income** so you will need to give details for all of the adults you live with. **You must provide evidence of your household income with your application, otherwise we will not be able to assess it and the form will be returned to you. PHOTOCOPIES OR SCANNED/PHOTOGRAPHED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE.** If your financial circumstances are not reflected in any of the categories listed below then please provide a covering letter explaining your situation.

Type of Income	Please ✓ if you receive	Evidence Required
Income Support		Award letter from the Benefits Agency which is less than 6 months old OR a recent Bank Statement which names/lists the Benefit(s) you receive
Job Seeker's Allowance		
Universal Credit		
Employment & Support Allowance		
Pension Credit		
Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit		All of the pages of your latest Tax Credit Award Notice (there are usually 8 pages)
Company or Private Pension		Annual Pension Statement OR a recent Bank Statement which includes Pension amounts
Salary/Wages from paid employment		Last 3 monthly wage slips OR P60
Self Employed Earnings		Audited accounts for most recent tax year OR Official Tax Return
Any other income you think we should consider (please give details here)		

Section 6: Student Bank Details (Rail Payments Only)

If you are travelling to College by train, we will make termly payments to you towards your train fares via BACS transfer directly into your bank account. Please provide details of your bank account below making sure that all sections are completed.

Bank/Building Society Name:	
Bank/Building Branch (e.g. Fareham, Gosport, Southampton etc.):	
Name of Account Holder:	
Account Number (usually 8 digits long):	
Sort Code: (6 digits long)	

Section 7: Additional Information

Please use this box to provide us with any additional information that you think we need to know to support your application. (Please continue on a separate sheet if you need to)

Section 8: Declaration

- I certify that the information I have provided on this application form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that if I provide false information my application will not proceed and that the College may reclaim any funding already allocated to me.
- I understand that the information provided on this form may be shared with other departments in the College and External Agencies if necessary.
- I understand that any funding awarded will be subject to satisfactory behaviour, attendance and completion of work on the course.
- I understand that this application only applies to one academic year and that I will need to reapply if I require financial assistance with study for further years.
- I understand that if I withdraw from my course I may have to pay back all or some of the monies awarded to me or paid on my behalf.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Benefits Agency of any financial support I receive that may have an impact on any benefits I receive.

Please type your name and the date in the boxes below to confirm you have read and accept the conditions above

Student Name

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name

Date:

Please note that your application will not be assessed if you have not completed all of the necessary sections and/or if you have not provided any proof of income.

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Date received:

Student Name:

Person Code:

Course:

Travel Costs	
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Household Income	£	
Disc Support?	Yes	No

On course costs	
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Other	
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Other info
