



Financial Support

Information on QE2 16-19 Bursary 2023

Eligibility Criteria: vulnerable bursary

Students can apply for a vulnerable bursary which is designed to help and support any student who faces financial barriers to education, it is intended to help students with the essential costs of participating in their study programme such as the costs of activities, cookery ingredients, transport costs or any other items the student needs to participate. Eligible students must be over 16 and under 19 on 31st August 2023 and be attending school on a full time basis. Where a young person turns 19 during their programme of study, they can continue to be supported to the end of the academic year.

Categories

The defined vulnerable groups are students who are:

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right

The bursary for vulnerable groups can pay up to £1,200 per year to a student participating on study programme that lasts for 30 weeks or more if they need that amount of support.

Evidence of Income

See application form for details of evidence required. We will need copies of the letters showing eligibility, if you wish to send in the originals, they will be photocopied and returned to you.

Payment of Award

The bursary will be held in school and all letters, requesting a financial contribution, will allow you to indicate whether or not you would like to meet the cost using the bursary. ESFA permits institutions to carry unspent bursary funds over to the next academic year. Any funds carried forward must continue to be used to support students in line with the funding rules in this guide.

Eligibility Criteria: discretionary bursary

We are able to make a discretionary bursary, to those students who do not qualify for a vulnerable bursary, and are facing financial barriers to education. Discretionary bursaries and how much bursary are paid is based on each student's individual circumstances and their actual financial need. Please complete the application form if you would like to apply for a discretionary bursary and send evidence relating to the financial need.

Conditions

- Students must be UK residents
- Students must be enrolled at QE2 School
- Bursary payments are linked to attendance

Free School Meals

Free school meals are only available in England and Wales.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Application Procedure

Complete and sign the application form and ensure all relevant evidence of income is attached, return to the school office. Any omissions will result in a delay.

Appeals Procedure

Should you disagree with any decision made, firstly contact the School Business Manager. If you are not satisfied, you have the right of appeal in accordance with the school complaints policy.

Definitions

- children looked after by a local authority on a voluntary basis (section 20 of the Children Act 1989) or under a care order (section 31 of the Children Act 1989) - Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 defines the term 'looked after child'

A care leaver is defined as:

- either a young person aged 16 and 17 who was previously looked after for a period of 13 weeks consecutively (or periods

amounting to 13 weeks), which began after the age of 14 and ended after the age of 16

- or a young person aged 18 or above who was looked after prior to becoming 18 for a period of 13 weeks consecutively (or periods of 13 weeks), which began after the age of 14 and ended after the age of 16