FINANCIAL SUPPORT · 2026/27

16–19 Bursary Fund

Funding to help you stay in education — what you can get, who qualifies and how to apply.

WHY IT EXISTS

The bursary helps students in the greatest financial need to stay in education — and widen their choices in life.

It can help with travel, meals, equipment, essential course trips and the costs of planning your next step.

WHO CAN APPLY

Age is checked on 31 August 2026

16–18

Eligible for all bursaries

Aged 16 or over, but under 19, on 31 August 2026.

19+

Discretionary bursary only

If you are continuing a course you started aged 16–18, or you have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

TYPES OF SUPPORT

Three ways the bursary can help

PRIORITY

£1,200

Up to this a year for students in vulnerable groups.

INCOME ASSESSED

<£35k

Household income of parents or carers below £35,000 before benefits.

FREE MEALS

Meals

Based on certain household benefits.

PRIORITY BURSARY (VULNERABLE) · UP TO £1,200 A YEAR

You need evidence of one or more of these

1. You are **in care** or a **care leaver**.

2. You receive **Income Support or Universal Credit** because you financially support yourself — or yourself and someone who depends on you and lives with you, such as a child or partner.

3. You receive **DLA or PIP** in your own right, as well as **ESA or Universal Credit** in your own right.

INCOME-ASSESSED BURSARY (DISCRETIONARY)

Household income under £35,000? Show us proof

If your household has...	Send us
Employed income	P60 (dated this year) or the 3 most recent months of payslips
Self-employed income	SA302 tax calculation — “Total Income” for the latest year; we may ask for bank statements
Universal Credit	The 3 most recent, consecutive monthly statements
One adult at home	Council Tax single-person discount letter
Other benefits	Entitlement or award letter for each benefit received

UNIVERSAL CREDIT EVIDENCE

Saving your 3 latest award statements

1. Sign in to the Universal Credit online service.
2. Go to **Payments** and open each of the 3 most recent months.
3. Click **Print this statement** at the top, then save it as a PDF.

Computer

Change the printer to “Save as PDF”.

iPhone

On the print preview, pinch-zoom out on the statement, then tap Share › Save to Files.

Android

On the print preview, tap ⋮ › Printer › Save as PDF, then save to files.

FREE MEALS BURSARY

Assessed on one of these household benefits

Universal Credit

Send your 3 most recent, consecutive award statements.

Asylum support

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

£5.00 meal allowance per day is added to your **student ID card** to buy food on site.

PAYMENTS

What the bursary pays for, and how

Travel

Passes issued through the MCard app — attendance must be over 90% for the month.

Meals

Allowance added to your student ID card to buy food on site.

Equipment

Request what your course needs through the PayMyStudent app such as a laptop, camera, lab coat, stationery, books etc.

Course trips

Essential educational visits that are part of your subject curriculum.

University

UCAS fees, help with interviews and open days.

Placements

Contributions to the costs of attending industry placements.

KEEPING YOUR BURSARY

90%+

Attendance each month to receive your travel pass.

Payments can also stop if you don’t keep to your **Learning Agreement** on progress, attitude or behaviour.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online through PayMyStudent

1

Get your Student Number

Shared with you by email w/c 24 August 2026.

2

Register on the portal

trinity.paymystudent.com — sign up with your Student Number.

3

Upload your evidence

Income, benefit or priority-group proof.

Applications never close

First deadline was Wednesday 30 September 2026. Later forms join a later intake.

Second year? Re-apply

You must apply again, even if you had the bursary last year.

CHILDCARE · CARE TO LEARN

£180

a week, for each child

You could be eligible if you:

- are under 20 and have a young child
- are studying at college
- use an Ofsted-registered childcarer

APPEALS

Think the decision is wrong? You can appeal

10 days

Send a Letter of Appeal to the Management Accountant at the academy's address.

2 weeks

You'll get a decision on your appeal after it is received.

Still unhappy?

Use the academy's usual Complaints Procedure.

QUESTIONS?

Talk to the Bursary Team or your Personal Progress Tutor

EMAIL

bursary@sixth.trinitymat.org

APPLY

trinity.paymystudent.com