

STUDENT FINANCE - STUDENT GUIDE TO SIXTH FORM

If you're a **student between the ages of 16 and 19** and you're in education or training (including unpaid work experience), you could be entitled to extra support! You might also be eligible if you are over 19 but continuing a course you began between 16 and 18 or you have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

If you stumble across this and you're thinking you may be entitled to this support but you're **already in the middle of the academic year, don't worry!** Still ask your school for information, you could be able to get back paid any bursaries you have missed or be able to prepare for the next year!

The purpose of the bursary is for you to get all those extras for your course, like clothing, books, and stationery, as well as your lunch or transport on those days you're training or studying.

How is it paid?

So, a good rule is to have a bank account that you can access. It means that you can get it directly sent to your bank account. Depending on your situation, you could be paid in full or in instalments. Sometimes, often in the case of the Discretionary Bursary, you may be offered other support such as travel passes, free meals or books - one less expense to worry about!

Is there anything else I should know?

Often, schools and colleges can provide additional support if you're eligible for the above by financially supporting **study trips** or travel to **university interviews**. Your financial situation shouldn't be a barrier to your journey into higher education like University, so be sure to ask your teachers about this, too!

What is the criteria?

There's a reason these bursaries exist, don't be shy about applying for them! Often, it requires you taking the lead and contacting people, filling in forms and finding evidence yourself. Your school or college can offer a lot of support here, especially pastoral leads.

If you have any questions, you can live chat a member of our team [here](#).

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