



Plymouth Schools & Academies

Access Bursary



Guidance on the 16-19 Bursary Fund

What is the bursary for?

The fund provides help to students needing support to help them to stay in full-time education. The Bursary can contribute towards costs such as:

- Books and Equipment
- Course Costs such as Field Trips
- Accommodation and Meals
- Transport
- Clothing and Uniforms

Who can get a bursary?

In Plymouth, schools /and academies run a joint bursary scheme; apart from Coombe Dean / Plymstock / Hele's / UTC Plymouth, who have their own.

The bursary scheme is made up of two parts:

- **Guaranteed Bursaries**
Those most in need will be **eligible for a bursary of £1,200 a year**. This is for:
 - young people in care,
 - care leavers,
 - young people receiving Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name, and
 - disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) in their own name
- **Discretionary Bursaries**
Other students who need support to help them to stay in education or training may also be able to receive funds. Bursaries are currently awarded to students in the following groups:
 - Students claiming Free School meals - **£750 per year**
 - Students living in Household's with income below £24,000 - **£450 per year**
 - Young people receiving Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) in their own name
 - * Rates for discretionary bursaries are dependent on budgets provided by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and are reviewed each year

Similar schemes are designed by the local FE Colleges. You can obtain details from City College Plymouth and Plymouth College of Art.

How and when are payments made?

A simple application form will be available from the Head of Sixth-Form. Bursaries are paid directly in to your bank account over the school year depending on continued attendance and behaviour. If you do not attend or your behaviour is poor you may not receive all or some of that month's bursary.

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The information being processed

The Council is collecting the information in this form (personal and bank details) and supporting evidence for the purpose of managing your bursary application and payments.

This information will be used for assessing your eligibility to receive a 16-19 bursary award and making monthly payments into your bank.

Information Sharing

To ensure that the council provides you with an efficient and effective service we will sometimes need to share your information between teams within the council as well as with our partner organisations that support the delivery of the service you may receive. In this case, the information collected will be shared with:

Staff at your School / Academy

Staff within Finance and Education, Participation and Skills at Plymouth City Council

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