

Appendix 2: Bursary Mini Guide

What is the 16-19 Bursary?

The Government has set aside some money for schools, colleges, training providers and local authorities to allocate to young people who need financial support to stay on in further education or training. This is called the 16-19 Bursary Fund. **Receiving a 16-19 bursary will not impact any other benefits you receive.**

Who is Eligible?

You must:

- be at least 16 and under 19 on 31 August 2026
- study at a publicly funded school or college, or be on an unpaid training course
- meet the residency requirements - your school or college can check this

There are two types of bursaries, Bursaries for defined vulnerable students and discretionary bursaries.

Eligibility for Bursary for Vulnerable students

- Students in care *n.b. to be eligible students must have been placed in care by the local authority.*
- Students who are care leavers (including those previously in the care of the local authority that has subsequently been placed within a 'Special Guardianship' arrangement).
- Students 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.
- Students 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.

Eligibility for Discretionary Bursary

Fakenham Sixth Form considers students to be eligible for the Discretionary Bursary if any or all of the following criteria are met:

- The family is in receipt of Universal Credit.
- The student is a Young Carer or performs the role of carer for either a parent, close relative or sibling such that paid employment is impractical or unobtainable.
- Family circumstances including (but not limited to); a parent/s or family member with a disability, Significant mental health conditions, immediate family bereavement.
- Conditions including physical and mental health conditions or disabilities that limit the ability of the student to access employment or that lead to increased costs for accessing education.