16-19 Bursary ~ Guidance for Students

In order to ascertain whether you are eligible for a 16-19 Bursary you should follow the guidance below.

'Automatically Eligible' Guaranteed Bursary

If the answer to any of these questions is 'YES' you are 'automatically eligible' to receive a £1200 16-19 Bursary.

Are you:

- A young person in care.
- A care leaver (YPLA class 'care leavers' as young people aged18-21 who have been looked after for more than 13 weeks or since the age of 14; or young people who cease to be looked after or accommodated).
- A student claiming Income Support or Universal Credit (UC)
- Disabled and receiving both Employment Support or UC and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments.

See FAQs for what documentation you will need to submit to verify your eligibility.

'Eligible to Apply'

If the answer to any of these questions is 'YES' you are **eligible to apply** for a 'Discretionary Bursary'.

Do your *parents* receive one or more of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act
- The guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Work Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16, 190.

If so, once you have also applied and are in receipt of Free School Meals your application will be considered.

See FAQs for more information on Free School Meals and verifying your eligibility.

Other important information to understand:

- You must be **under 19 on the 31st August** in the academic year you start your course to be eligible for a Bursary.
- If you **turn 19 during your programme of study** and are 'automatically eligible' for a Bursary or are successful in applying for a 'Discretionary Bursary' you will be supported until the end of the academic year or until your course ends whichever is the sooner.