

16 - 19 Bursary Fund

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund is money the government gives to schools, colleges and other education and training providers to give to eligible students who need financial help to stay in education.

What a bursary is for

A bursary is money that you, or your education or training provider, can use to pay for things like:

- clothing, books and other equipment for your course
- transport and lunch on days you study or train

From September 2017 Sheffield families will be required to make a contribution of £540 for Post 16 Special Educational Needs transport. Families in receipt of the Post 16 bursary will be expected to use this fund to make their contribution.

There are 2 types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

- a **vulnerable** bursary of up to £1,200 a year for young people in one of the following groups:
 - in care
 - care leavers
 - in receipt of Income Support, or Universal Credit in place of Income Support, in their own right
 - in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance(ESA) or Universal Credit **and** Disability Living or Personal Independence Payments in their own right

*If your child receives ESA you **cannot** claim child benefit for your child.
- The **discretionary** bursary is awarded to meet individual student needs. For example, transport, meals, books and equipment. If you don't fall into one of the vulnerable groups, but you need financial help to stay in education because you have a low household income, are on benefits and/or receive free school meals, you can apply for a discretionary bursary. In Sheffield this is an income below £16,190.

Students who wish to apply for either type of 16-19 Bursary should contact our Post 16 Administrator, Jo Burke on 0114 4031048 or jburke@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk for an application form. If a student wishes to apply for a bursary they are advised to apply as soon as they are able for the relevant academic year.

For more information please see <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/overview>

For Government benefits advice: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/entitlement>

For independent benefit advice contact the Citizens Advice Bureau 03444 113 111 <https://citizensadvice.org.uk/>