

Financial Support Information

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Financial Support is available through Furness College to help support students who are in the most vulnerable groups to further their education, each students' needs will be assessed individually. Eligibility includes: household income of £30,500 or below; in care/care leavers; students living independently in receipt of income support;/ Universal Credit; students with disabilities.

16– 18 YEAR OLD STUDENTS - CHOOSE 2 OF THE 4 OPTIONS BELOW

OPTION 1

Travel Funded during term time for timetabled days if you live *2 miles* or more away from college. Bus pass or 16-17 Railcard, Train fare or Mileage (equivalent allowance)

This is regularly reviewed according to needs and subject to change

OPTION 2

Participation Allowance to allow you to purchase materials you need to participate in education.

A payment will be paid to support with your participation at College, this is assessed on a weekly needs basis in line with average College rates of participation

OPTION 3

Kit/Equipment/Supplies - according to needs e.g. boots, art equipment or uniforms, beauty kits, DBS cost, Industry placement cost, University open day/ interview (contribution towards) cost of trips/visits linked to learning, Care2Learn top up support.

OPTION 4

College Meal

If you do not need course related materials, kit or a uniform you could have a college meal (or other support assessed on an individual basis).

*Students who are eligible for free school meals can choose 2 of the 3 remaining options above

*A bursary of up to £1,200 may also be available if you are under 19 and are a young person in care, a care leaver, living independently and in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit, or you are receiving Employment Support Allowance or UC and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence payments

*If you are suffering HARDSHIP please speak to your PPC

19+ YEAR OLD STUDENTS

The 19+ Financial Support is there to provide help with:

- Travel costs during term time for timetabled days only
- Childcare costs for over 20's (for Ofsted registered childcare)*
- Essential course related equipment
- Financial hardship emergencies
- Trips/University visits linked to learning. *This will be assessed on an individual needs basis*

Please note—You must be studying for your first full level 2 or 3 qualification (5 GCSE grades of A-C are equivalent to a level 2) to qualify for weekly support

ABSENCE/SICKNESS

If you are absent you must report this to us by telephone on 01229 844865, you must provide evidence of any appointments on your return - i.e. appointment card/letter for Doctor/Dental/ Hospital visits, these must be **shown to Reception as well as your Tutor**

TRAVEL

If you live *two miles* or more from College, you may qualify for travel assistance during term time for timetabled days in the form of a Bus Pass or the weekly equivalent if you use the train, 16-17 Railcard or Mileage (equivalent allowance)

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EQUIPMENT

Bring your receipts to Student Services which will then be reimbursed or see department if purchased through them

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available from Student Services or on the College Website. All the relevant boxes must be completed and then returned to college. Please ask if you need help with your form.

The following evidence must be provided with the application form (if living with a partner you will need to provide their income also)

- Proof of benefit (household)
- Proof of income (household)
- Wage slips (household)
- Child Tax/Working Tax Credits (current)
- Details of own bank account which includes full name, address, account number and sort code. We cannot pay your bursary into an account where you are not the account holder.
- Full details of Nursery provider and costs per day/session (Registered providers*)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once your application form and evidence have been received, your application will then be assessed. You will be notified in due course of the outcome. If your application is successful, you will be asked to sign an agreement; no payments will commence until this is received.

WHAT IF MY CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE?

If your circumstances change at any time, i.e. - you become employed, you begin to cohabit with a partner, your partner gains/leaves work, or your course hours change, contact Student Services immediately to discuss altering your application.

WHAT IF I HAVE NEED TO APPEAL OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

If you need to appeal, you can contact the Student Services Manager who will look at your application and let you know the outcome.

If you feel you need to speak to someone, please feel free to call into Student Services to discuss your application or any queries you may have.

Please remember that we are here to support you.

STUDENT SERVICES

Channelside: Mon—Thur 8:30am—5:00pm & Fri 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Find us to the side of Reception in the Copperbox

Contact us on Channelside 01229 844817 – Sixth Form 01229 841214 or email Student.Services@furness.ac.uk

Sixth Form: Mon—Fri 9:00am—12:30pm

Find us in the Manor building opposite Reception