

Frequently Asked Questions – Adult (19+) Bursary

What is the Adult Bursary?

The Learner Support Fund can provide some financial assistance with the costs associated with coming to college.

The Learner Support Fund is designed to assist a priority target group of learner who is socially or economically disadvantaged. There are a number of criteria that need to be met to qualify for a Learner Support award.

The college has designed application forms for associated costs of coming to college, bursaries and for childcare, which are offered to all learners applying to the college for assistance and are available from the Student Adviser and LSF Bursary and Childcare Coordinator.

When is the deadline to apply?

Friday 16th October 2015.

How do I qualify for the bursary?

Here's the basic criteria:

- Students must be aged 19 or over
- In receipt of a welfare benefit or
- Employed and earning less than £16,190 per year
- Studying 4 or more hours per week

Do I need a bank account?

All students require a bank account. In very exceptional circumstances a cheque may be issued.

How much and when will I be paid the bursary?

The amount will depend on the number of hours you are studying/whether or not you paid tuition fees/your age and your income.

The Bursary will be paid in December 2015 and will be subject to good attendance.

What happens if my attendance isn't good?

- Attendance of 90% is required for a payment to be processed automatically.
- If attendance is between 85-89% the tutor will be contacted to check if there was a valid reason for absence and asked to authorise the payment.
- If attendance falls below 85%, only under extreme circumstances will a payment be made and the student will have to appeal, through their tutor, to the Director of Student Services and the LSF Bursary and Childcare Coordinator.

Can I also get free college meals?

Only if you are enrolled on a 16-18 course or in the second year of your 16-18 course and aged between 19-21 and your household income is less than £16,190 per annum.

How can I get more information?

Pop over to the Bursary reception at the Poplar Centre to speak to the LSF Bursary and Childcare Coordinator during the following sessions:

Monday 11am – 12:45m, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am – 12:45pm.

Naema Choudhury (Student Adviser) is also available to see students on Mondays and Fridays at Arbour Square between 10am and 4pm.