



**SOUTHWARK  
COLLEGE**

# **16 – 19 BURSARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Apply today at  
**[lscolllege.ac.uk/bursary](https://lscolllege.ac.uk/bursary)**

**[bursaries@southwark.ac.uk](mailto:bursaries@southwark.ac.uk)**



**Bursaries help students in financial difficulty with the costs associated with studying at college.**

**There are a range of financial support options available from the college that you could apply for. This booklet details the types of financial support available for people who are aged 16-18, 19+ Continuers and those on Educational Health Care Plans.**

### **Who are these bursaries available to?**

These bursaries are available to students aged 16 to 18 on the 31 August of their year of study. Students aged 19 or over on 31 August of their year of study could apply for a bursary if they are continuing a study programme that they began when they were 16 to 18. These are known as 19+ Continuers. You could also apply if you have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). The government funds bursaries so you would need to meet their eligibility criteria.

### **Who can apply for the Enhanced Bursary?**

The Enhanced Bursary is available to apply for if you are one or more of the following:

- In care, looked after by the local authority
- Leaving care
- In receipt of Income Support in your own name
- In receipt of both Employment and Support Allowance or Personal Independent Payment in your own name
- In receipt of Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 per year

*Leaving care is defined by the EFA as a young person aged 16 or 17 who was looked after for a period of 13 weeks beginning after the age of 14 and ending after the age of 16.*

### **Who can apply for the Young Learner Bursary?**

The Young Learner Bursary is available to students whose parents/guardian/carer is in receipt of one of the following means tested benefits or have a household income of below £38,500 per year:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit with an annual gross income up to £38,500
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £38,500

- Child Tax Credit Award Notice (if not entitled to Working Tax Credit) with a household income below £38,500

*All evidence/documentation submitted in support of your application must be dated within three months of your application.*

## Who can apply for Free College Meals?

You could be eligible for Free College Meals support if you are in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 per year

## What support will I receive?

Applications are individually assessed and those approved could receive appropriate payments to help with:

- A contribution towards course related equipment, books, and uniform, this may include access to a device provided by the college or contribution to internet costs if a large proportion of work is to be carried out at home. Any device the college purchases will remain the property of the college and will be dependent on how much of the fund is available
- If you are eligible for free tuition, the college will provide the basic equipment and materials needed to complete your course successfully, but these will remain the college's property
- A contribution towards trips and educational visits that are organised by your teachers. Ticket/entry and coach costs are normally paid to your college directly and additional travel costs will be reimbursed on production of a ticket
- A contribution towards travel costs to university interviews/visits may be considered if you are on a Level 3 programme
- A contribution towards travel costs may be paid if you have a household income below £25,000 per year and live over one mile from the college and you need to travel by train. You must apply for the 16+ Zip Oyster photocard in the first instance
- A contribution towards travel costs may be paid if you have a household income between £25,001 and £38,500 per year and live over two miles from the college and you need to travel by train. You must apply for the 16+ Zip Oyster photocard in the first instance

## Will I need a 16+ Zip Oyster Photocard?

Young people aged 16 to 18 need a 16+ Oyster Photocard to:

- Buy child-rate seven day, monthly or longer period travelcards and bus and tram passes
- Pay as you go at half the adult rate on bus, tube, tram, DLR, London overground, TFL Rail and most national rail services in London

Children aged 16 or 17 on the 31 August of their year of study who live in a London borough can also travel free on buses and trams. Londoners aged 18 on the 31 August on their year of study who are still in full time education can also apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard that allows free bus and tram travel.

**To apply for an 18+ Student Oyster Card or to find out more information, please visit [www.tfl.uk](http://www.tfl.uk).**

## How do I apply?

To apply for support, you must apply online at:  
**[Iscollege.ac.uk/bursary](http://Iscollege.ac.uk/bursary).**

*Please sign in using your student email address.*



## Conditions of payment

All payments are subject to good attendance, good behaviour, and satisfactory progress. Payments may be reduced or adjusted if your attendance falls below 100% during the two-week payment period. For example, if your attendance falls to 60%, you will only receive 60% of the full payment. Please check NCG's Attendance Policy for further information on absences that do not affect your attendance.

Any bursary funds spent on supporting you may be repayable to the college if you leave the college or you are withdrawn before the end of the course.

Once all bursary funds have been allocated, we may refuse further applications. If we receive more applications than we have funding for, payments may be reduced to ensure all students have access to financial support.

Where your course is less than 13 hours per week or less than three terms, we will adjust your allocations accordingly.

If you wish to appeal the outcome of your application, please email **[complaints@southwark.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@southwark.ac.uk)**.

**For more information, please contact the bursary team on: [bursaries@southwark.ac.uk](mailto:bursaries@southwark.ac.uk)**

Please ensure you read the application form for full details of the financial support available and all terms and conditions. Information is correct at time of going to print (July 2025). Southwark College aims to provide the most up-to-date information in its printed literature and on its website, but the College cannot guarantee the provision of all bursaries, financial support or courses advertised in this guide or on the website. You are, therefore, advised when making an application to satisfy yourself as to any amendments or alterations that may affect your course and the course fees in place when you enrol, which will supersede any previously advertised. All courses and financial support/bursaries are subject to validation, availability, eligibility, and additional support requirements. You will not be guaranteed a place on a course until you have fully enrolled and received your Learner Agreement. Please visit [southwark.ac.uk](http://southwark.ac.uk) or contact [bursaries@southwark.ac.uk](mailto:bursaries@southwark.ac.uk) for further information.