



-Policy Overview

All post 16 Schools and Colleges in the UK are granted bursary funding to support students who are need in some financial support.

Eligible Students for Bursary Fund

Students aged 16 to 19 who are most vulnerable. Students in, or who have recently left **local authority care, students claiming Income Support or Universal Credit, disabled young people who receive Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)** will be eligible to receive a Bursary of up to £1,200 a year, paid at the end of each term. The student must have their own bank account into which the Bursary or financial payment will be made. For the student to receive financial support they must meet the basic expectations of Faringdon Community College in terms of attendance, punctuality and progress.

Eligible Students for Discretionary Learner Support Funds

In addition, Faringdon Community College can award a discretionary bursary to other students aged 16 to 19 who face genuine financial difficulties. This is at the discretion of Faringdon Community College and within set eligibility criteria. The support provided for students could be financial or provision of items in kind and it is at Faringdon Community Colleges discretion to decide on the amount and type of support that is awarded to the student. Support will generally be provided for:

- The loan of a laptop computer to access the curriculum
- Course and equipment costs / books, materials and stationery, etc
- Contributions to transport where necessary
- Exam/Registration Fees/UCAS fees
- Educational Visits

Criteria for support from the Discretionary Learner Support Fund

The criteria for the award is as follows:

- Household income up to £30,000 per year (a larger sum may be applicable if there are larger numbers of dependents in the household)
- In receipt of Universal Credit/Employment and Support Allowance
- In receipt of Tax Credits (annual income less than £20,000)
- A recent and substantial decrease in household income during the academic or financial year.

We ask students to complete an online application form (ideally at the same time as enrolment) and send the necessary evidence to LTfoley@fcc.faringdonlearningtrust.org in order for us to assess whether the student is eligible. Applications for additional financial support may be made at any time during the school year