

THE 16 to 19 BURSARY FUND 2023-24

Young people who need some financial support to help them stay in education or training after 16 can apply for the 16-19 Bursary Fund. Any payments will be linked to minimum standards of attendance, behaviour and progress, in line with government guidelines, recommendations by Cheshire East 14-25 Learning and Achievement Executive.

WILL I BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BURSARY?

YOU MUST BE AGED OVER 16 OR OVER AND **UNDER 19** on **31ST AUGUST 2023** TO APPLY

VULNERABLE BURSARY

PRIORITY 1

The following students will be eligible for a bursary of up to £1200:-

- Looked After Children
- Care Leavers
- Students receiving Income Support or Universal Credit in place of Income Support.
- Disabled students receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY – DEPENDENT ON REMAINING FUNDS

PRIORITY 2

The remainder of the funds allocated to us will be distributed amongst those students who face the greatest financial hardship. These will include students eligible for Free School Meals.

Students eligible for Free School Meals	Letter/student record held in school
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PRIORITY 3

Students with a household income below £25,000 will be considered on an individual basis. Evidence of income (listed on application form) will be needed as evidence.

HOW IS THE BURSARY PAID?

Students will receive a letter to confirm if their application has been successful. Students will then have a meeting with a member of the sixth form team to ascertain their individual needs to be able to continue in their studies. For example: bus pass, clothing, textbooks etc.

WHAT IF I RECEIVED A BURSARY LAST YEAR?

If you received a bursary last year, you must reapply again for the new academic year. You will need to supply the relevant evidence again to support your application. Please be aware your award may not necessarily be for the same amount as the previous year.

HOW TO APPLY

Students can either collect an application form from Mrs Booth or it is available to download from the school website. The completed application form and supporting evidence must be handed in to **Mrs Booth by FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER.**

For further information you can go to: www.direct.gov.uk/16-19bursary

If you require any assistance with completing the form please contact Mrs Booth on 01270 758970 or email: kbooth@sandbachschool.org