



**Buckinghamshire
College Group**

College Support Scheme

A guide to financial support from Student Services

Here to help!

It is possible that before you attend Buckinghamshire College Group, you may need help in overcoming financial difficulties that make it hard to afford the equipment, uniform or travel for your course. We have various allocations of money each year, and these funds exist to help people attend college who may have difficulties with the additional costs of learning.

The College Support Scheme (CSS) is available to give financial assistance with costs associated with a course such as uniform, kit, books, DBS check, trips, childcare and transport to those students whose circumstances mean that they may find it difficult to afford these items.



16-19 Discretionary Bursary

This is a bursary fund based on an assessment of your household income. It is paid weekly and is linked to attendance, punctuality, behaviour and completion of learning aims.

Who can receive it?

Students who are between 16 to 18 years of age on 31st August in their academic year or aged between 19 – 25 with an Educational Health Care Plan.



16-19 Vulnerable Learner Bursary

This is a bursary fund based on an assessment of your household income. It is paid weekly and is linked to attendance, punctuality, behaviour and completion of learning aims.

Who can receive it?

Students who are between 16 to 18 years of age on 31st August in their academic year and meet one of the requirements below:


- Currently live in care (as defined by Social Care)
- Are leaving or have recently left care.
- Are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name.
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right.

Free College Meal Scheme

This is a scheme which offers free food for eligible students everyday you are required to be in College.

Who can receive it?

Students who are between 16 to 18 years of age on the 31st August in their academic year. Students aged 19 or over are only eligible to receive a free meal if they are continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers') or have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Students must be in receipt of, or have parents who are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:


- 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 guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC))
 - Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
 - Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa
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19+ Discretionary Learner Bursary

This is a bursary fund based on an assessment of your household income. It is paid weekly and is linked to attendance, punctuality, behaviour and completion of learning aims.

Who can receive it?

Students must be aged 19+ on 31 August in their academic year (19+ students who are receiving a student loan need to apply for the Advanced Learner Loan Bursary).




19+ Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

This is a capped bursary fund based on an assessment of your household income. It is paid weekly and is linked to attendance, punctuality, behaviour and completion of learning aims.

Who can receive it?

Students must be aged 19+ on 31 August in their academic year and have an advanced learning loan and be enrolled on a level 3 or above course.



Care to Learn

Funding is available for students who are under the age of 20 years and require support with childcare, you should apply for help through the Care to learn Scheme. Contact 0800 121 8989 or <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>

20+ Childcare

Funding is available to pay for Ofsted registered childcare. This is a bursary fund based on an assessment of your household income. It is paid weekly and is linked to attendance, punctuality, behaviour and completion of learning aims. The weekly payment for childcare is capped at £160 per child per week.

How does it work?

All bursaries based on an assessment of your household income will be assessed using the following scales:

Income	Support
Under £16,190	100%
£16,190 - £18,999	90%
£19,000 - £21,999	70%
£22,000 - £26,999	55%
£27,000 - £34,999	40%
£35,000 - £39,999	35%
£40,000 - £45,000	30%

You can apply for the College Support Scheme by visiting your campus Student Services Team.



For further information please contact the Student Services Team
at each Campus:

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