



16-19 Bursary Fund Information 2026 - 2027

What is the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund?

The 16 – 19 Bursary Fund is a government scheme aimed at helping young people continue in full-time education. The fund is money given to the school by the Young People's Learning Agency to distribute to students aged between 16 & 19, who are experiencing financial difficulties with education costs such as transport, food or equipment. You could receive a bursary up to £1,200 depending on your circumstances and benefits, but please note this will most likely be awarded 'in kind' with the school making purchases on your behalf or providing you with vouchers, rather than simply transferring money to your bank account.

Who can apply to the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund?

Loreto College students who are at least 16 years of age and under 19 on 31 August 2025 and who are attending for 15 hours or more PLUS tutorial and General RE

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- Are a 'Home' student or a 'European Economic Area' student OR
- Are under 19, have applied for Asylum to the Home Office and have been resident in the UK for three years **OR**
- Have been granted Exceptional Leave to Remain or Enter, or Humanitarian Protection, or Discretionary Leave, or Indefinite Leave to Remain or Full Refugee Status by the Home Office

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- In care
- Care leavers
- Receiving Income Support (IS) or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment And Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in their own right

Discretionary Bursary

The school can also decide to issue a discretionary bursary to students who do not meet all the above criteria but may still require some financial support. Applicants will need to meet the eligibility criteria for a discretionary bursary as set out by the school. We may also decide to retain a small emergency fund from our allocation of support to students who face exceptional circumstances during the year due to a change in their situation – if it impacts on their ability to participate in education.

How and When to Apply

As soon as you know where you will study, you should apply for your bursary. An application pack can be obtained from the Sixth Form Office and must be handed into the Sixth Form Office on completion.