



16-19 Bursary Fund Information 2018/19

The 16-19 Bursary Fund has been set up by the Government to support young people who face financial barriers to continuing in post-16 education or training. It is available through school if you think you might need some financial support to complete your course for 2018/19.

Who can get a bursary?

If you are aged 16 to 19, and in publicly funded full-time education then you may be eligible. The school will decide on what help we are able to offer and what conditions, such as attendance and behaviour, you might need to meet.

Chichester Free School will ensure that the funding reaches the students who need it most – but we do have to use the Fund against certain criteria.

For example, if your household income is less than £23,000, you may be entitled to a discretionary bursary.

If you are currently in care or a care leaver, or you are in receipt of Income Support, talk to a member of staff soon, as you could be entitled to a full bursary of £1,200 a year. You are also eligible for the full bursary if you get Employment Support Allowance *and* Disability Living Allowance.

But even if you are not in any of these categories but would like some financial help, get in touch. You will need to share information with us about your family's income – but don't worry, this will be kept entirely confidential and not passed on to anyone else. This could include copy of benefits statement, P60 or last 3 years accounts if self-employed (see the application form for details of what you need to supply).

What can the bursary be used for?

The bursary can be used for course related costs such as books, equipment, transport and other items that will help support your education.

How to Apply

In order to receive payments from the Bursary Fund, students will need to submit a written request before the end of September using the application form available from Mr Apsey in the Sixth Form Office and returned with the relevant supporting evidence. Further information and application forms are available for you to download from our website.

Each request will be looked at on an individual basis and you will be advised by letter as to whether your application has been successful.