

19+ LEARNER SUPPORT FUND- 2021/22

The 19+ Learner Support Fund is a discretionary and limited source of financial help for students who are experiencing hardship.

WHAT IS THE 19+ LEARNER SUPPORT FUND?

Students facing genuine financial difficulties may be awarded a bursary at the discretion of Buxton & Leek College.

The bursary fund provides support towards the additional course costs of attending College, including travel, equipment, meals and other costs i.e. DBS.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE FUND, STUDENTS MUST:

- be enrolled on a Government funded course of further education at the College
- be aged **19+** on **31 August 2021**
- Be a British Citizen or meet the residency criteria set out by the Government
- Be in receipt of tuition fee remission or paying your tuition fees yourself
- Meet the household income as stated on the funding checker

Bursary payments issued will be dependent on 85% attendance and behaviour monitoring.

Students on apprenticeship programmes, or any waged training, are unfortunately not eligible for the Fund, please click [here](#) to find out what funding may be available to you if you are looking at or doing an apprenticeship.

WHAT ADDITIONAL COURSE COSTS CAN I APPLY FOR?

The 19+ Learner Support Fund will help students towards the essential costs of their course including:

- Travel
- Books / equipment
- Professional memberships i.e. AAT
- Kit
- Uniform
- Essential field trips
- Childcare
- Other extras i.e. DBS Check

HOW DO I APPLY?

As we have more than one Bursary available at BLC, with different criteria for each, we find it can sometimes overwhelm visitors to our funding pages scrolling through heaps of information trying to figure out which fund if any, will apply to them.

To help make it easier for you (and us) to establish if you would be eligible for funding support from one of our Bursaries, we ask that you complete the funding checker below. This form will then tell you which fund you may be eligible for, what support that fund covers and it will also generate an evidence checklist based on the answers you provide. We advise you not to complete an application form until you have collated the mandatory evidence.

Once you have completed the quiz you can download the relevant Bursary fact files too so you know which fund you may qualify for, how we assess it and what the next steps are.

[BLC Financial Support Checker - 2021/22 \(Students who are due to start with us in September 2021/ January 2022\)](#)

WHAT EVIDENCE SHOULD I SUPPLY?

After you have completed the fund checker for your academic year. We now ask you begin to collate your evidence in preparation for submitting your application. Should you choose to submit an application without evidence, your application will not be processed until the mandatory evidence has been received.

Due to limited funds being available to us each year, we strongly advise not to do this as complete applications will be prioritised and monies will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

If you forgot to download/ screenshot your checklist whilst on the Support checker, you can find a copy below

2021/2022

- [19+ Learner Support fund Checklist 2021.22](#)
- [Advanced Learner Loan Bursary checklist 2021.22](#)

Examples of Evidence

- [Universal Credit Notification](#)
- [Tax Credit Notification](#) (if paper copy must be all 6-8 pages and not renewal)
- [Payslip](#) or [P45](#)
- [Most recent Self Assessment](#)
- [Disability Living Allowance letter](#)
- [ESA Notification](#)
- [Income Support Notification](#)
- [Personal Independence Payment Letter](#)