

## FREE COLLEGE MEALS

If you are a College student studying at Buxton and Leek College you may be eligible for Free College Meals. If eligible, an allowance will be provided for the days that you are in college and on placement.

This allowance can be redeemed in the Balcony Cafe and the Dome cafe at Buxton and the Gallery at Leek.

### WHAT IS THE VULNERABLE BURSARY?

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FREE COLLEGE MEALS, STUDENTS MUST:

- be aged between 16 and 18 years old (as at 31 August 2021)
- be aged between 19 and 25 and in receipt of an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan)
- be aged 19 and continuing a study programme you began aged 16-18

YOU OR YOUR PARENTS MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF ONE 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 Guaranteed element of the 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
- 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



## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

As we have more than one Bursary available at BLC, with different criteria for each, we find it can sometimes overwhelms 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**

- [Vulnerable Bursary Checklist 2021.22](#)
- [16-19 Bursary & Free College Meals Checklist 2021.22](#)

## Examples of Evidence

- [In care/ care leaver letter](#)
- [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](#)