

Free College Meals Checklist 2021/22

Applications for the Free College Meals Scheme should not be submitted without the mandatory evidence required for the Financial Support Fund team to establish you meet the criteria set for each fund.

Our application form will be available to submit from Monday 1 August 2022.

You can find the link on the BLC website here:

W: www.blc.ac.uk/financial-support/funding-bursaries-loans/

or an appointment to complete the form can be requested from the Financial Support Fund Team here:

E: Financialsupportfund@blc.ac.uk

Where possible, Free College meals will be paid in kind via a meal card for use in the onsite cafeterias, only in exceptional circumstances i.e., you study offsite, will this be paid directly.

Free meals are targeted at disadvantaged students. For the purposes of eligibility for free meals, 'disadvantage' is defined by the students or parent(s)/ guardian(s) being in receipt of certain benefits.

What evidence do I need to supply?

Photocopies, scans, screenshots, or clear photographs must be sent directly to

E: Financialsupportfund@blc.ac.uk

Mandatory evidence if in receipt:

Please tick	Qualifying benefit	What to supply	Date
	All pages of Full Tax Credit Award	All pages of your most recent paper or online notification (renewal not accepted) showing that you are either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In receipt of Child Tax Credit (and 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 - In receipt of Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit 	2021/22
	Universal Credit	Three of your most recent paper/ online notifications showing earnings do not exceed £7400.00 pa	Dated within three months of application
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Income Support - Employment & Support Allowance - Job seekers allowance - Pension – Private or state - Guaranteed element of Pension Credit - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 	A photocopy of a letter from Job Centre Plus, The Pension Service, HMRC or the Home Office confirming your entitlement. Alternatively, provide a bank statement clearly showing 3 recent consecutive payments.	Dated within the last three months)