

LEARNER SUPPORT FUND

Learner Support Fund Eligibility Criteria

To receive assistance from the College Learner Support Funds you must meet the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) residency rules and our financial support eligibility criteria shown below.

If you are aged 16-18 on the 31st August 2024

To receive support you must live in a household where your parents/guardians gross household income is below £40,000 pa or they are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Support
- Universal Credit - but only where assessed annual net earnings when added to your Universal Credit monthly payments do not exceed £40,000 pa
- Council Tax Support
- Employment Support Allowance
- Pension Credit – Guarantee Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit - but only where Total Income added to your Tax Credit award for the period shown on your most recent HMRC Award Notice for 2024/2025 is less than £40,000 pa.

Please note, support **will not** be given if any of the evidence submitted shows that there is not a financial need or savings and/or any Investments exceed £16,000.

Other rules may apply. Rules and criteria may be subject to amendment or deletion without prior notice.

If you are aged 19 or over on the 31st August 2024

If you do not receive any of the benefits shown above, you may qualify for help with course related costs and travel costs if you:

- live with your parents and your gross income is less than £10,000 per year.
- live independently and your gross income is less than £20,000 per year.
- live with a partner but without any dependent children and your gross household income is less than £30,000 per year.
- live independently or with a partner and have dependent children for whom you claim child benefit and your gross household income is less than £40,000 per year

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