

Learner Support Fund

Students Age 16 – 18

The Learner Support fund provides financial help to students who, without this assistance would have difficulty enrolling or completing a course.

Am I eligible?

- You must be studying for an eligible qualification
 - You must be settled in the UK or have a pre-settled status
 - Your Parent/s is/are claiming a means tested benefit or in receipt of a low income*
 - If the household is in receipt of **Working Tax Credit** this is the only document we require
- *Low income is defined as: Household income below £27,500

(This will be based on the previous tax year's income unless there has been a change in circumstances)

Learner Support Fund can help towards the cost of:

Travel

If you live more than 3 miles (google maps walking man) from your centre of study you may be entitled to a Free bus pass or petrol allowance depending upon your household financial circumstances.

Course related costs

Any course related costs determined by your Tutor will automatically be awarded if you are eligible.

Childcare

Age 16 – 19 you can apply for help with childcare support through the **Care to Learn** scheme. Please visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn for full information.

Free College meals - *(This will depend on parent/s benefit status)*

If you are entitled to free College meal payments they will be awarded as a credit directly onto your student card, you will receive £3 credit for each substantial day that you attend College, this will enable you to purchase food using your card in any of our College canteens. Please ensure that you take your student ID to your main reception to be updated.

What are my responsibilities?

- You are expected to have 85% attendance or you are meeting the targets of your on-track commitment.
- You must inform us of any changes in circumstances such as change of course
- If you withdraw from your course you will be required to repay all or part of your award and you must return any books and equipment that we have supplied.

When do I need to apply?

The LSF application forms will be available July 2023 please refer to our website for full information www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

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