

16-19 Bursary Fund Information

1. What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund

The fund is made available from the government through its funding body - Education Funding Agency (EFA) for 16-18 year olds - to provide assistance to students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers. The new 16-19 year old bursary scheme has been put in place as a partial replacement for Education Maintenance Allowance.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Who is eligible to apply for 16-19 bursary funding

Students following government (EFA or SFA) funded full-time or part-time courses, who are 16 years and over and satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Students aged at least 16 and under 19 years of age at the start of the academic year who are in care, are leaving care, are in direct receipt of Income Support or are disabled and in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.
- Students who are economically or socially disadvantaged and at risk of not taking up or continuing in their education. This group includes students with physical or other disabilities, medical conditions and/or learning difficulties.
- Students who have been in care, on probation, are young parents or are otherwise considered at risk.
- Asylum seekers.
- Refugees (who will have access to 16-19 bursary funding if they are in receipt of supportive evidence from DWP).
- Lone parents.

2.2 Who is not eligible for 16-19 bursary funding?

- Students under 16 years of age or over 19 years of age at the start of the academic year.
- Students who do not meet the residency qualifications.

3. How does The JCB Academy assess applications and allocate 16-19 bursary funding?

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a limited fund and the Academy will prioritise allocation. There will be three priority groups, categorised as high, medium and low.

3.1 High priority group

Students aged under 19 at the start of the academic year and who fall into one of the following categories:

- Are currently in care (as defined by social services).
- Are leaving or have recently left care.
- Are in receipt of Income Support in their own name.
- Are disabled and in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

Eligible students will be guaranteed a £1,200 bursary to support costs such as transport, equipment, etc.

Payments will be made on a termly basis by direct bank transfer (less any costs paid directly by The JCB Academy)

3.2 Medium priority group

Students who fall into the following category:

- Gross annual household income of below £20,000.

Eligible students in this group, if they apply to the 16-19 Bursary Fund within four weeks of the start of the academic year, may be eligible for a contribution towards:

- The cost of transport, essential course equipment, trips, uniforms, materials, etc.
- Financial support towards revision guides

Payments will be made on a bi-term basis (i.e. three times per year).

3.3 Low priority group

Students who fall into the following category:

- Gross annual household income of between £20,000 and £25,000.

Those in the low priority group will be considered for funding based on the Academy allocation and subject to available funding after those in the high and medium priority groups have been awarded. In some cases awards may not be made until after 31 December each year. Students in this group may get a contribution towards the cost of essential course equipment, uniforms and transport costs.

Payments will be made on as needed basis or direct to suppliers for uniform, equipment and transport.

4. How to apply

Parents in receipt of:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Income related employment and support allowance.
- Child tax credit and/or Working Tax Credit.
- Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.

should complete an application form and include relevant evidence of household income:

- full tax credit statement (six page statement)
- benefit statement
- recent payslip or P60
- evidence of self employed earnings
- evidence of other household income e.g. interest from savings, pension.

Please also include any special circumstances in a covering letter which may affect the decision e.g. number of school aged children in the family.

Send to:
Admin Office FAC
The JCB Academy
Mill Street
Rocester
Staffordshire
ST14 5JX

Parents not eligible for financial support may request extended payment terms by contacting Mrs Czwartynski on 01889 506100 or emailing n.czwartynski@jcbacademy.com

**Please note that each case is considered on an individual basis and parents may be required to meet with the Principal.
Any financial assistance is provided at the Principal's discretion.**