

**Need financial help with costs associated with College?**



**We can HELP!**



**The 16 - 19 Bursary Fund & Free Meals**

**To help meet the costs associated with learning, students experiencing financial difficulty can apply for a Bursary Support Fund:**

- **19+ Discretionary Learning Support Fund**
- **16 – 19 Guaranteed Bursary**
- **16 – 19 Discretionary Bursary**
- **16 – 19 Free Meals**

**See the reverse for more details or visit our website.**

**[www.solihullsfca.ac.uk](http://www.solihullsfca.ac.uk)**

# **You don't need to do anything now! Students can apply for a Bursary Support Fund after they have enrolled at the College, but below are the eligibility criteria:**

If you are aged 16, 17 or 18 on the 31st August 2020, meet UK residency requirements and are studying on one of our programmes, then you may be eligible for the one of the following bursaries:

## **Guaranteed Bursary**

These are awarded to Priority Groups:

- Children in Care or Care Leavers
- 16 – 19 students in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name
- Students in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Proof of eligibility will be required.

## **Discretionary Bursary**

Awarded to students who need financial help to stay in college, whose household income falls below £20,000. The Discretionary Bursary is by application and financially assessed and we therefore ask applicants to declare and enclose evidence of household income with their application form. Evidence of household income may include photocopies of P60(s) or audited accounts if self-employed, Tax Credit Award Notice(s), Universal Credit, Benefit Entitlement letters and/or bank statements to show any other income such as maintenance payments.

## **Free Meals**

Awarded to eligible disadvantaged students. For the purposes of eligibility for free meals, 'disadvantage' is defined by the students being in receipt of, or having parents who are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits (evidence is required):

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, (provided they are not also 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 you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Eligible students will be funded daily with the value £2.41 towards a free college meal in the College Refectory for each day they attend their study programme. This value will be loaded to the student ID Card for cashless catering and no cash payments can be made for Free College Meals. Students on a work placement as part of BTEC programmes may be awarded a payment on condition that full attendance can be verified by work placement provider. Evidence of household income may include photocopies of P60(s) or audited accounts if self-employed, Tax Credit Award Notice(s), Universal Credits, Benefit Entitlement letters and/or bank statements to show any other income such as maintenance payments.

**If you choose The Sixth Form College, Solihull, we'll give you more information about how to apply when you enrol in August, but if you have questions in the meantime, please email the Admissions Office at [admissions@solihullsfsc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@solihullsfsc.ac.uk) or telephone 0121 709 7803.**