Alsager Sixth Form 16 – 19 Bursary Fund 2024-25

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The government provides a bursary fund to all Sixth Form providers to support students aged 16 to 19 years who are in fulltime education. The responsibility for allocating the bursary funds lie with the Sixth Form provider using guidelines provided by the Government. At Alsager we can provide some support for the most in need, however, like all other institutions’, monies are limited and finite.

There is money available for students from households with a **combined income** of less than £20,000 or £25,000 and those with significant travel costs. There is also support available for young people in care.

Any student falling into such categories must provide supporting evidence such as working tax credits, universal credits and P60 (for all working adults within the household) to support their application for bursary payments. The size of payment will be dependent upon need, commitment to study and the total funds available.

The fund can also be used for one off payments to students to cover extraordinary items or unplanned expenses directly related to the students learning or achievement.

**How to apply**

If you would like to apply please email: b.haskew@alsagerschool.org

An electronic form will be sent to you, please note that the payments are made directly to the student, so they must have a bank account already set up. You should either scan (& email to b.haskew@alsagerschool.org) or bring in hard copies of evidence required to the Sixth Form office. Requests can only be processed for approval once we have this information.

Students are advised to complete this process as soon as possible in the new school year (or when a family becomes eligible for the funds) to avoid delays in receiving payments.

Year 13 students will need to supply updated evidence again at the start of the new academic year, even if they received a bursary in year 12.

If you have any queries, please contact the Sixth Form Office on 01270 871122 or by email on b.haskew@alsagerschool.org

The table below summarises the criteria for payments;

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|  | Category | Supporting evidence required | Bursary amount |
| 1 | Young people in care, care leavers. | LA letter for those young people in care or are care leavers. Documented evidence required from support agencies for all other categories. | £1,200Per year |
| 2 | **Non-working** household income below **£20,000.** | Income Support.Income-based Jobseekers AllowanceIncome-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 State Pension CreditChild Tax Credit Working Tax Credit run-on Universal Credit  | Free School meals and bursary payment up to £400 per year |
| 3 | Working household income below **£20,000.**  | Working Tax Credits/Universal Credit | Up to £400 per year |
| 4 | Household income below **£25,000** | Working Tax Credits/Universal Credit | Up to £100 per year |
| 5 | Travel Costs over £800 per year | Travel costs and household income | various |
| 6 | Significant expenses for career or learning related activities  | Cost of activity (e.g. travel to interviews, taster days, open days, summer school etc ) and household income | various |
| 7 | Significant pastoral support | Cost of activity, service or item and reason for request  | various |

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| Evidence of commitment to study |
| Should student attendance, behaviour, attitude OR attainment fall below the criteria payment may be reduced or withdrawn.AttendancePayments are only awarded for 100% attendance at lessons.Even if a student’s absence is authorised, they will not be entitled to payment unless their absence is for:-* University Open Day
* Job interview for full time employment
* Court appearance
* Funeral
* Major medical treatment that has to be conducted during school time
* Occasional day of absence due to illness

BehaviourStudents should also have a good record of behaviour, attitude and attainment e.g. meeting deadlines, responding positively to learning targets and abiding by school rules. |