

# Alsager School 16 – 19 Bursary Fund 2020/21

## **16 – 19 Bursary Fund**

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.

Those eligible for support include young people in care or in receipt of disability living allowance and other such payments. There is also money available for students from households with a combined income of less than £20,000 and those with significant travel costs.

Any student falling in to such categories must provide supporting evidence such as working tax credits and P60s 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**

Application forms are available on Results Day and throughout the year from the Sixth Form Office and the Sixth Form website. Students are advised to hand in their completed application forms as soon as possible in the new school year (or when a family becomes eligible for the funds) so as to avoid delays in receiving payments.

Year 13 students will need to reapply 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 [p.rowlands@alsagerschool.org](mailto:p.rowlands@alsagerschool.org)

The table below summarises the criteria for payments

	Category	Supporting evidence required	Bursary amount
1	Young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support, and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.	LA letter for those young people in care or are care leavers. Documented evidence required from support agencies for all other categories.	£1200 Per year
2	<b>Non working</b> household income below <b>£20,000</b>	Income Support. Income-based Jobseekers Allowance Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 State Pension Credit Child 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 <b>£20,000.</b>	Working Tax Credits	Up to £400 per year
4	Household income below <b>£25,000</b>	Working Tax Credits	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 (eg travel to interviews, taster days, summer school etc ) and household income	various
7	Significant pastoral support	Cost of activity, service or item and reason for request	various

<p>Evidence of commitment to study</p> <p>Should student attendance, behaviour, attitude and attainment fall below the criteria payment may be reduced or withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> Payments 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:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University Open Day</li> <li>• Job interview for full time employment</li> <li>• Court appearance</li> <li>• Funeral</li> <li>• Major medical treatment that has to be conducted during school time</li> <li>• Occasional day of absence due to illness</li> </ul> <p><u>Behaviour</u> Students should also have a good record of behaviour, attitude and attainment eg meeting deadlines, responding positively to learning targets and abiding by school rules.</p>
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