Alsager Sixth Form 16 – 19 Bursary Fund 2023-24

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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.

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 or £25,000 and those with significant travel costs.

Any student falling into such categories must provide supporting evidence such as working tax credits, universal credits and P60s (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](mailto:b.haskew@alsagerschool.org)

An electronic form will be sent to you for completion, please either scan (& email to [b.haskew@alsagerschool.org](mailto: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 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 [b.haskew@alsagerschool.org](mailto: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,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. | £1,200  Per year |
| 2 | **Non-working** household  income below **£20,000** | 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 **£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, 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.  Attendance  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:-   * 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   Behaviour  Students 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. |