



Important Information: 16 -19 Bursary Fund

Introduction

The 16-19 Bursary fund is designed to help support those young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education post-16. The fund has two elements: the Vulnerable Student Bursary and the Discretionary Bursary for young people facing financial barriers to participation. Bursary funds are to be used to help pay for the costs related to participation in full-time education, such as the cost of equipment, books, food and transport costs including attending interviews and Open Days. Some payments may be made in kind. Payment may be withheld if the student does not comply with the Sixth Form's expectations on attendance (which must be 96% or above), behaviour and commitment to studies.

5% of the Sixth Form's allocation, in accordance with EFA (Education Funding Agency) guidelines, will be used for administration. The School will ensure compliance with the guidelines set out in the 16-19 Fund.

General Eligibility

Residential Eligibility - An applicant must satisfy the residency criteria outlined in EFA Funding Guidance.

Age of Applicants - To be eligible to apply for assistance, an applicant must be over 16 and under 19 on 31 August in the academic year in which they start their programme of study. Where a person turns 19 during their programme of study, they can be supported to the end of the academic year in which they turn 19, or to the end of the programme of study, whichever is sooner. In general, bursaries should be paid only to young people who have reached the statutory school leaving age.

Status of Applicants - In determining the financial circumstances of applicant, the income of a student's parents/carers are taken into account unless he/she should be treated as an independent student under the terms of the Education (Student Support) Regulations. Where a student satisfies the conditions for independent status, the income of a spouse or partner is taken into account in any means testing.

Vulnerable Student Bursary - The following nominated vulnerable groups are eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 a year:

- You (**the student**) are in **care**
- You (**the student**) are a **care leaver**
- You (**the student**) are receiving **Income Support** OR **Universal Credit** because you are financially supporting yourself and anyone who is dependent on you and living with you, such as a child or partner.
- You (**the student**) are receiving **Disability Living Allowance** or **Personal Independence Payments** in your own right **as well as** **Employment Support Allowance** or **Universal Credit** in your own right.

Discretionary Bursary

The level of support which The Garibaldi School Sixth Form can offer is dependent on the total funding received from the EFA and the numbers of applications it receives. The level of support offered may vary during the academic year and is dependent on the amount of funds available. On the basis of the School's EFA funding allocation for 2018/19 we will apply a family earnings threshold of **£16,190** per annum. Students will need to complete an application form (click [here](#)) and supply evidence of need or eligibility as appropriate before payments are made. Applicants will be advised of the method of payment, conditions of payment and of any liability to repay all or part of the payment in the event of supplying false information, withdrawal from the Sixth Form or not meeting the Sixth Form's expectations on attendance (which must be 96% or above), behaviour and commitment to studies.

Payments and Benefit Entitlement

It is the student or carer's responsibility to notify the Benefits Agency where payment may impact on benefit entitlement.

Contingency Fund

The Garibaldi School Sixth Form retains a contingency reserve for unforeseen late applications and changes in financial circumstances.

Bursary Publicity

The Garibaldi School Sixth Form will publicise the bursary fund through the website and at Sixth Form events such as Open Evenings.

Applications and Appeals

Applications and in year payments will be considered by the school. Appeals against unsuccessful applications must be made to the Associate School Leader - Key Stage 5 Achievement, within 10 working days of letter of notification. The Associate School Leader's decision is final.

Additional Help

Under **exceptional** circumstances, students who are not automatically eligible for an award can also apply for help with one off course related expenses (proof of income or hardship will be asked for). This additional help will be available to students who live in a household whose family income is **£25,000 or below** and is intended to help with the **cost of transport costs including attending university visits, interviews and Open Days**. Applications for additional help will be considered on an individual basis and is dependent upon available funds.

[Download the 16 – 19 Bursary Application Form 2018 - 19](#)