

2020/21

Financial Support for Young Person / Enhanced Bursary

- £2.50 a day for full days in college for Free College Meals. All meal money will be loaded onto your college card so that you can use in the college restaurants.
- A contribution towards travel costs may be paid if you live over 3 miles from the college and you need to travel by train. You must apply for the 16+ Oyster Zip Photocard in the first instance.
- A contribution towards trips and educational visits that are organised by your teachers. Ticket/entry and coach costs are normally paid to your department and additional travel costs will be reimbursed on production of a ticket
- A contribution towards travel costs to University Interviews/Visits may be considered if you are on a Level 3 course

Conditions of Payment

To apply for support you must apply online: lscolllege.ac.uk/bursary.

Your application will then be assessed by the Student Finance Coordinator.

All payments are subject to excellent attendance, good behaviour and satisfactory progress.

- Payments may be stopped or adjusted if your attendance falls below 90% or you are absent for more than a week due to being suspended, going on holiday or long periods of illness.
- Any Bursary funds spent on supporting a student may be repayable to the College if the student leaves or is withdrawn before the end of the course.
- Once all Bursary funds have been allocated we may refuse further applications. If we receive more applications than we have funding for then payments may need to be reduced to ensure all students have access to **financial support**.

16+ Oyster ZIP Photocards

16+ Zip Oyster photocard Young people aged 16 and 17 need a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard to:

- Buy child-rate 7 Day, Monthly or longer period Travelcard and Bus & Tram Passes • Pay as you go at half adult rate on bus, Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground, TfL Rail and most National Rail services in London
- Children aged 16 or 17 on 31 August who live in a London borough can also travel free on buses and trams. Londoners aged 18 on 31 August who are still in full time education can also apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard that allows free bus and tram travel.
- To apply online and find out further information go to www.tfl.gov.uk.

Any further questions?

Please come along to the Guidance and Progression drop in.

Speak to your Progress Coach or Tutor

Contact Judy Sargeant – Student Finance Coordinator on **0203 757 3373**



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The Enhanced Bursary and Young Person Bursary are to help students in financial difficulty with the costs associated with studying at College; available only to students aged between 16 and 18 on the 31st August.

There are 2 groups of students aged 19 or over on 31 August who are eligible to apply for help from the College bursaries: those who are continuing on a study programme that they began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers') and those who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

They are Government funded, so certain rules have to be followed.

The Enhanced Bursary - Who can apply?

This Bursary is available to students who are:

- In care (looked after by the local authority)
- Leaving care **
- In receipt of income support in their own name
- In receipt of both Employment & Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or PIP (in their own name)
- In receipt of Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa

**Leaving care is defined by the EFA as a young person aged 16 or 17 who was looked after previously for a period of 13 weeks beginning after the age of 14 and ending after the age of 16.

What support will I receive?

The Enhanced Bursary is payable, usually every 6 weeks, subject to excellent attendance, good behaviour and satisfactory progress (up to a total amount of £1,200 for the Academic Year).

The Young Person Bursary - Who can apply?

This Bursary is available to students whose parent/guardian/carer is in receipt of one of the following means tested benefit or have a household income of less than £28,000.00 per annum:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers 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
- Working Tax Credit with an annual gross income of no more than £28,000 (the final award letter for the current financial year)
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £28,000 pa
- Child Tax Credit Award Notice (if not entitled to Working Tax Credit) with a household income less than £28,000.

All evidence will need to be dated within 3 months of your application.

Free College Meals Evidence

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- income-based Jobseekers 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 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 (HMRC))
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa

What support will I receive?

For those households with income below £21,000 per annum

Applications are individually assessed and those approved will receive appropriate payments to help with:

Course related equipment, books and uniform (this may include a device provided by the college or contribution to internet costs if a large proportion of work is to be carried out at home). Any device the college purchases will remain the property of the college and will be dependent on how much of the fund is available. If you are eligible for free tuition, Lewisham College will provide the basic level of equipment and materials needed to successfully complete your course - but these will remain the property of the college.

- £4 a day for full days in college for Free College Meals (if the household income is less than £16,190 per annum) or College Meal (if your household income is more than £16,190 but less than £21,000 per annum). All meal money will be loaded onto your college card so that you can use in the college restaurants.
- Travel costs may be paid if you live over 3 miles from the college and you need to travel by train. You must apply for the 16+ Oyster Zip Photocard in the first instance.
- Trips and Educational Visits that are organised by your teachers. Ticket/entry and coach costs are normally paid to your department and additional travel costs will be reimbursed on production of a ticket
- Travel costs to University Interviews/Visits may be considered if you are on a Level 3 course

For those households with income between £21,000 and £28,000 per annum

- A contribution towards course related equipment, books and uniform (this may include a device provided by the college or contribution to internet costs if a large proportion of work is to be carried out at home). Any device the college purchases will remain the property of the college and will be dependent on how much of the fund is available. If you are eligible for free tuition, Lewisham College will provide the basic level of equipment and materials needed to successfully complete your course - but these will remain the property of the college.