

16-19 Bursary Fund 2022-23

Element 2 (Discretionary) Application Form

Aged 16-18 on 31/08/22 or; be aged 19 on 31/08/22, continuing into a second year of study on the same course and you received the Discretionary Bursary in the last academic year 2021-22 or; aged 19-24 on 31/08/22 and have an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Student EBS No.	
Date received	
Received in Funding Office	

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FUNDINGAPPLICATIONS@WIGAN-LEIGH.AC.UK

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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply to this fund you should:

- ✓ Be aged 16 or over and under 19 as of 31/08/22 or;
- ✓ Be aged 19 on 31/08/22, continuing into a second year of study on the same course and you received the Discretionary Bursary in the last academic year 2021-2022 or;
- ✓ Aged 19 – 24 on 31/08/22 and have an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- ✓ Living in a household with an income below £26,000 and in receipt of Child/Working Tax or Universal Credits or a 19 – 24 student (with an EHCP) living independently.
- ✓ The household income may come from benefits or earned income.
- ✓ Your parent or guardian should be receiving child benefit for you (if age applicable).
- ✓ You should be enrolled on to a full time ESFA funded course.

Important Note – Eligibility to this fund does not guarantee an award. Funding is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

NB - If you are a student 16-18 as of 31/08/2022 who is in receipt of certain benefits in your own name or; you are in care or a care leaver please contact The Funding Team – you may be eligible to apply for a Vulnerable Bursary.

PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Part A: Section 1 - Personal Information			
Surname		Forename	
Date of birth		Age	Nationality
Have you been resident in the UK/EEA for the last 3 years?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you an Asylum Seeker? Please note: We cannot make cash payments to Asylum Seekers.			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Home Address			
		Postcode	
Home Tel No		Mobile No	
Please indicate who you live with		Parent(s) <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> On own <input type="checkbox"/>
Part A: Section 2 - Course Information			
Current Course			
College Centre (please ✓ as appropriate)			
Parsons Walk, Wigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	School for the Arts, Wigan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leigh College, Leigh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Pagefield, Wigan	<input type="checkbox"/>

An explanation of how your personal information is handled can be found in the Privacy Notice on the Wigan and Leigh College website.

PART B – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND/OR STUDENT

Part B: Section 1 – Eligibility Check

Does the student live in a household with an income below £26,000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the student live at the address shown on the documentation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is Child Benefit claimed for the student?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the student have an Educational, Health and Care Plan?**	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

* You must submit a copy of your full TAX CREDIT NOTIFICATION 2022-23 dated **April 2022** onwards or; a recently dated (within the last 3 months) UNIVERSAL CREDIT LETTER that the student is named on with this application form. This is the evidence that is required to prove eligibility to this fund; we cannot accept applications without this evidence.

(Other forms of evidence may be accepted depending on individual circumstances – please contact The Funding Team to discuss other options)

Original documentation will not be accepted and all pages of any documents must be photocopied and submitted. If all pages are not present at the point of submission, the application will be returned which will result in a delay of the assessment of the application.

** Students aged 19-24 with an EHCP and living independently should submit evidence of household income which could be from benefits or earned income.

Please be aware, if original documentation is submitted, we cannot return this documentation at later date.

Part B: Section 2 - Bursary Award

From the 16-19 Discretionary Bursary you may be eligible to the following support, please ✓ the options that you wish to be considered for.

Payments

- A monthly payment of £55 paid directly into the students own bank account. This payment is a contribution towards all of your college requirements including uniform, equipment, materials, trips and all college related other expenses. ☐

Attendance will be monitored as described in Part F: Further Information and Guidance.

Part B: Section 3 - Free College Meals

All students who are in receipt of a Discretionary Bursary can access a free meal on the days they are timetabled to be at college. An allocation of £2.60 will be available on all days that students are timetabled to attend college for use in the College Refectories.

Free College Meal Scheme - Students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) receive one or more of the benefits listed below will also receive support while attending placement. This does not apply to all bursary students, only those that meet these specific criteria and this will be confirmed in the offer letter.

(Please ✓ below the statements which are applicable to your household)

Income Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income based Job Seekers Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income related employment support allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Tax Credit (provided you do not receive working tax credit) and have a gross income below £16,190	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for this credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Universal Credit (a maximum net earned income of £7,400)	<input type="checkbox"/>

- You must provide evidence of the above benefits for a student to receive support whilst at placement under the Free College Meal Scheme.
- Please check your Tax Credit Award Notice 2022-23 or your Universal Credit Letter as it may already contain this information.
- Where the notice does not specify the benefit you will need to provide an independent letter stating the benefit you receive, dated within the last 3 months.

PART C – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT(S), GUARDIAN(S) AND STUDENT

Part C: Signature to support your application

By signing the declaration below, you are agreeing to adhere to, and have completed the following statements:

I have fully completed each section.

I have enclosed all required evidence to support my application.

I have provided evidence which is accurate and true. I understand that the college may carry out checks to verify the evidence provided, and may take action deemed appropriate if any information I have given is proven to be incorrect or false.

I have completed Part D (Below): Bank Information Form with my own bank details, and returned it with this application.

I understand that that I am expected to maintain 100% attendance at college and that my payments will be stopped if I fail to attend at a minimum rate of 90%. I have read Part F: Further Information & Guidance section about the attendance process.

I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor my own attendance through Pro Portal, which I will be shown during my induction, and to discuss any issues I may have with my Personal Tutor or Student Liaison Officer, to ensure the record is accurate.

By signing and submitting my application, I agree to the collection of my personal and financial information for assessment purposes. These will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Signature of Student		Date	
Name of Parent/Guardian		Date	
Signature of Parent/Guardian (16 - 18 as of 31/08/2022)			

PART D – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Part D: 16-19 Discretionary Bursary - Bank Information Form

Payments cannot be made into Building Society or Post Office accounts

Applicants EBS No (office use only)	
Applicants Full Name	
Full Name as on bank card	
Name of Bank	
Sort Code (6 digits)	<div>X</div> <div>X</div> — <div>X</div> <div>X</div> — <div>X</div> <div>X</div>
Account Number (8 digits)	<div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>X</div>

Please check that you have supplied the correct details for the account you want the bursary to be paid into, we cannot accept liability for payments being made into incorrect accounts – this must always be the student's own bank account.

Signature of Student		Date	
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Please note: It is the student's responsibility to advise The Funding Team if their bank details change in year.

Please submit your completed application electronically to fundingapplications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk with ALL required evidence – no evidence or insufficient evidence will result in your application being returned to you via the email address used to submit the application delaying the assessment process. We cannot accept paper application forms and/or evidence.

Part F: Further Information & Guidance

SUMMARY

The guidance has been simplified for ease of use – all applications are subject to the full terms and conditions of The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) 16-19 Bursary Fund Guidelines 2022-2023, this may be subject to change. (Please see Department of Education publications)

Eligibility to this fund does not entitle you to an award, funding is limited and no further awards can be made once it has been used. The College reserves the right to amend or change this offer to best meet the needs of the students applying to the fund; this could include a reduced offer supporting for instance travel only if the fund is over subscribed.

The Fund will close 10th June 2023 to new applications.

ATTENDANCE

Bursary payments are not an entitlement they are to support your attendance and engagement at college so that you can make the best of your educational opportunity. Wigan & Leigh College expects 100% attendance from all its students and this will be monitored throughout the academic year.

Your attendance will be monitored as follows:

- Attendance is checked every month before making monthly payments. It is based on the month prior to payment e.g. October payment is based on September attendance and so on.
- If your attendance is below 90% for the month then you will lose your bursary payment.
- Payments will only be made when your attendance for the month is above 90%.
- We will email you on your college email address if we are not making a payment.
- If you do not attend a course for 4 consecutive weeks your award will be removed, you will have to re-apply to the fund and show evidence of re-engagement on a course.
- Reasonable adjustment will be made for those with disabilities or severe medical conditions. Please speak to the Student Funding Team about an individual attendance plan.

Attendance, behaviour and attitude towards your studies = the best outcome from your chosen course.

PAYMENTS

Awards for Academic Year 2022-23 will run from September 2022 to June 2023.

All payments will be made to your bank account on or around the 20th of each month. Please be aware that bank holidays and your banks policies may affect how quickly payments reach your account. We will back date any payments to the start of the month in which we receive your fully completed application and all correct evidence has been received.

Please Note: Processing your application form may take longer at the beginning of the academic year due to high volumes of applications being received.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

- We will email to you giving you the full details of the award you have been offered. Please **keep this email** as you will need it during the academic year. This email will be sent to your college email address.
- You will be notified by email if we are not paying a monthly payment because of your attendance. Again, we will use your college email address
- You can check your own attendance on Pro Portal. Any issues should be discussed with your tutor.

APPEALS

- Appeals can be made in writing within 15 days from receipt of the award notification to: The Director of Finance, Wigan & Leigh College, PO Box 53, Parsons Walk, Wigan, WN1 1RS.
- All appeals about decisions or payments must be submitted before **1st June 2023** to allow time for a review to be carried out before the funds close at the end of the academic year.
- Please be aware, the College cannot accept appeals about awards being refused or reduced where the reason given is that the funding has been fully utilised.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR YOUR INFORMATION