

2017 - 2018 BURSARY FUND – information for Applicants

The bursary fund is provided by the Government to support young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education and to ensure that are students are able to participate in learning and enjoy College life to the fullest. You must be under 19 at the 31 August in the year in which you start your programme of study.

Guaranteed Bursary

You will be eligible for a guaranteed bursary of £1,200 a year if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- in care or a care leaver or
- a young person receiving income support or Universal Credit or
- or a young person receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payments

Income-Assessed Bursary

College will provide an income-assessed Bursary for students whose Parents/Guardians meet the criteria below. If you meet the free college meals criteria, you will be considered as a priority application.

Your Parents/Guardian

- annual gross income is £18,000 or less

Free College Meals

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guarantee Pension Credits
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC

The budget funding for bursaries is limited; learners who are eligible for support are not automatically entitled to discretionary bursaries, we recommend you return your completed application form early. Learners are encouraged and expected to access other forms of financial support. This will be considered when their applications for bursaries are assessed. Bursaries will be awarded to help young people pay for the costs associated with being at College e.g. meals, transport, books, essential equipment, essential trips and course costs.

If you think you qualify for a bursary

- complete and return the application form along with your evidence as soon as possible to
Jill Carr
Student Services
Cardinal Newman College
Lark Hill
Preston
PR1 4HD
- enclose proof of status/income as indicated on the form – **your application will not be processed if proof of status/income is not received with your application.**
- If you are also registering for transport to College complete Transport Application Form but do not enclose payment as the cost may be covered by the Bursary. You will be notified once an assessment has been done to let you know if we are able to cover this.
- To be eligible for transport costs to be met you must live more than 1.5 miles from the college

Payment of Awards

- inter-departmental funds transfers to cover particular course costs (e.g. Art packs, Uniforms etc.)
- purchase of essential equipment on loan to the student for the duration of the course
- waiver of the cost of a student travel pass where the student lives more than 1.5 miles from College
- a termly payment paid directly to the student towards course-related costs etc.

The payment of awards will be dependent upon satisfactory attendance and behaviour. You must attend a minimum of 95% of lessons to qualify for payments. Payments will be reduced if your attendance falls below this and will not be paid where attendance is 80% or less.

Bursary payments will be paid directly into the student's bank account. We are unable to pay into savings accounts and Bursary payments will not be paid in cash or cheques.

For further information on Bursary Awards please contact Jill Carr on 01772 460181 extension 2260 or email jcarr@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or studentservices@cardinalnewman.ac.uk