

Wednesfield Academy Sixth Form

16 to 19 Bursary Fund 2023-2024

What is the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund?

Students in the Sixth Form who are in need of some financial support for purchasing books, equipment, uniform, travel passes and meals can apply to the school's 16 to 19 Bursary Fund. We are committed to distributing bursaries to those students with the greatest need. Those who are eligible will fall into one of two groups.

Group 1

The Government has identified that the students most in need will be:

- Students in care
- Care Leavers
- Students on income support (or Universal Credit) in their own name
- Disabled students who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

These students may be eligible for a Bursary of £1200 per year.

Supporting documentation from the relevant Government Departments will in most cases be on file at school already. However, if it is not, the relevant documentation will need to be submitted with the Bursary Application.

I think I am eligible. What do I do now?

Complete the *Bursary Fund Application Form* overleaf. Paper copies are available from the Sixth Form Office .

How will I receive the payments?

You have 2 options. You can let the Sixth Form Team know what items you require and they will purchase them on your behalf or you can purchase them yourself and then you will be reimbursed. Money will be paid directly into the student's bank account. Please make sure you complete details on the Bursary Application Form carefully. (Payments can take up to 30 days)

Are there set times during the school year when I have to place my order/purchase items?

No. We operate on an 'as you need' basis. You can order items throughout the school year, as and when you are in need of them.

Group 2

If you are eligible for free school meals you are entitled to the bursary fund.

This amount will be dependent on the number of applications for assistance and the total bursary fund provided by the Government to the School.

If you are eligible for free school meals but have yet to apply, the application can be completed online here:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

You might qualify for free school meals if your parent/ carer or their partner is receiving:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual gross income into the household that is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit- if you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

What if I don't belong to Group 1 or 2 but I still need financial assistance?

We can distribute one off discretionary payments to students who need support purchasing items they require for their studies. Only students who are committed to their studies and have attendance of 95% or above will be considered.

If you do need something please complete a *Bursary Award Form*. We reserve the right to decline any application if we do not consider it suitable.

If your personal circumstances change during the year you **MUST** notify the Sixth Form Team immediately. All applications are strictly confidential. The information you give us will be secured in the school's database.

Bursary Fund Application Form 2023-2024

By completing this form you are acknowledging that you have read and understood that only students who meet the achievement and attendance targets will receive Bursaries.

Name _____ Form _____

- I am in **Group 1**
 I am in **Group 2** and I have already applied successfully for free school meals
 I am in the process of applying for free school meals

Student Bank Account Details

Bank Name (e.g. Barclays)

Branch Address (e.g. Lichfield Street, Walsall)

Name of Account Holder (must be your own name as it appears on your account)

Sort Code

Account Number

Roll Number (Building Society Account only)