

RE: 16-19 Major Discretionary Bursary

Young people entering post-16 education may be eligible for a bursary for the duration of their study to help with travel, meals, equipment and specialist clothing depending on annual household income. This is to support young people who may have financial barriers to attending further education.

Major Discretionary Bursary – To help towards travel, meal costs and course studies, whilst attending college which will include a weekly amount on a school food card and financial help with stationery, text books and any other equipment that is needed for each A-Level course at the start of each of the six half-terms.

You can apply for the Major Discretionary Bursary if you have an annual household income below £42,000.

The banding criteria are as follows: -

Band 1 - Household annual income below £23,000

- Travel Bursary - The cost towards a bus/train pass will be 100% refunded.
- Lunch Card - If you are not in receipt of FSM you will receive a daily allowance of £2.50. If the £2.50 allowance is not used that day, it will **not** be carried over to subsequent days.
- Stationery, specialist clothing and course trips - will be funded up to a maximum of 100% (separate form to be completed with requirements).

Band 2 - Household annual income between £23,001 and £28,000

- Travel Bursary - The cost towards a bus/train pass will be 75% refunded.
- Lunch Card - If you are not in receipt of FSM you will receive a daily allowance of £2.50. If the £2.50 allowance is not used that day, it will **not** be carried over to subsequent days.
- Stationery, specialist clothing and course trips - will be funded up to a maximum of 75% (separate form to be completed with requirements).

Band 3 - Household annual income between £28,001 and £33,000

- Travel Bursary - The cost towards a bus/train pass will be 50% refunded.
- Lunch Card - If you are not in receipt of FSM you will receive a daily allowance of £2.50. If the £2.50 allowance is not used that day, it will **not** be carried over to subsequent days.
- Stationery, specialist clothing and course trips - will be funded up to a maximum of 50% (separate form to be completed with requirements).

Band 4 – Household annual income between £33,001 and £42,000

- Travel Bursary - The costs towards a bus/train pass will be up to 40% - this is the only funding available in this band for the Major Discretionary Bursary.

All bus passes must be purchased in advance from South Hunsley School and applications for refunds will be made available on confirmation of your banding entitlement.

Please note that you will receive a further email/notification regarding the bus pass application process in due course.

You can apply for a Major Discretionary Bursary at any point throughout the year (subject to available funding). We aim to assess all applications and approve them as quickly as possible so that we can begin making payments in September, however, this is not guaranteed.

Minor Bursary Award - We also have a Minor Bursary Award scheme if you do not meet the above criteria but need some financial assistance with the cost of a trip or travel to university open days and interviews, or if you need specialist equipment for your course. You can apply for funding under this scheme throughout the year subject to the availability of funding.

Please note that the funding available per student is limited and allocated across all students fairly depending on the banding category in which they are approved. Items such as stationery and clothing must be authorised prior to purchase and where possible, purchases will be made directly through the school. Reimbursements for items that are purchased before being approved are not guaranteed.

A copy of the Major Discretionary Bursary Application Form is attached in this email or you can collect one from Mrs Berry in the Sixth Form office.

There is also a Vulnerable Students Bursary which is a guaranteed amount of £1200 for young people who are under 19 and are:

- 1. In receipt of Income Support.**
- 2. In care or are Care Leavers.**
- 3. In receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.**

If you have any questions regarding the 16-19 Bursary Scheme, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.