

St Bernard's High School 16-19 Bursary Scheme 2018/19

The government introduced the 16-19 Bursary scheme in September 2011. Its purpose is to provide financial support to help students to overcome specific barriers so they can remain in education.

Who is eligible to apply for a bursary at St Bernard's High School?

To qualify you must:

- Be aged 16 or over and under 19 at 31st August 2018 or if 19 continuing a study programme at the school that you started before you became 19
- Be a legal resident in the UK or registered asylum seeker
- Be studying courses offered in the sixth form at the school and then

Either

- Be a vulnerable student – one who is in care, a care leaver, one who is receiving income support in your own name or one who is receiving both employment support allowance and disability living allowance or receiving Universal Credit **or**
- Be able to demonstrate financial need. This would take into the whole household income both earned and received in the form of benefits, the number of dependent children, the distance from home to school and whether the you have additional responsibilities i.e. be a young carer.

Types of bursary offered:

For Vulnerable students:

To be eligible as a vulnerable student you will be in care, or a care leaver and you will be able to support that by a communication from your local authority or you will be personally receiving income support or you will be personally receiving both employment support allowance and disability living allowance and be able to produce a current letter from the DWP to support this or you will be receiving universal credit.

Once identified the school will complete a funding claim and submit to the Department for Education. When processed the department will send the school the funding (£1,200pa) which the school will pass on to you by bank transfer/cheque in a mutually agreeable way.

Discretionary Bursaries:

The school will receive a small fund from the government with which it will seek to support students who can demonstrate financial need. The school will ask for proof of the whole household income in the form of current payslips, current benefit statements and extracts from current bank statements with the expectation that the family income is well below the average income. The school will also look at individual family circumstances, which may affect the household income, including the number of other children, or young people living in the household and financial maintenance is being received or paid out as well as the distance from home to school and whether the young person has additional responsibilities.

Financial support may also be provided when an unexpected event hits a family.

Review of application

The School Business manager, supported by the Head of Sixth Form and the Assistant Head responsible for Pastoral Care, will review the application in the first instance.

Should you be unhappy at the outcome of this review a letter should be written, detailing why you believe it to be incorrect and addressed to the head teacher.

What costs are covered?

Bursary funding is used to contribute to the cost of uniform through a grant; to cover the costs of books and equipment for your course including music tuition where appropriate; to pay the UCAS application fee and cover the costs of visiting up to two universities; to contributing towards interview costs; paying towards transport to and from school; contributing towards meals in school and covering all but a £1 of the costs of non-residential school trips and one half of residential trips.

How are costs covered?

Generally, the school will make the purchase directly on your behalf or provide a voucher. Occasionally it will be necessary to make a reimbursement of costs incurred and in such cases the cost must be supported by the relevant receipt and reimbursement will normally be by cheque made payable to the student.

Any Conditions?

It is expected that no student receiving a bursary will receive any sanctions for behaviour and that there will be full adherence to the School Sixth Form contract found in the starter pack for year 12.

Want to apply?

Applications forms are available in the sixth form common room and in the leaflet carousel in reception. The form can be downloaded from the website. You can also email the school business manager, on jlk@stbernards.southend.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Berridge, head of sixth form or Mrs Brooks, KS5 mentor and ask for an application form.