

16–19 BURSARY FUND 2026-27

Student Information Guide

What is the 16–19 Bursary Fund?

The 16–19 Bursary Fund is a government-funded scheme designed to help students overcome financial barriers to participation in post-16 education.

Financial support may be available to help with essential costs such as:

- Travel to and from school
- Books and equipment
- Specialist clothing or equipment
- Educational visits that are an essential part of a course
- Other costs that are necessary for participation in education

All applications are assessed individually based on eligibility and financial need.

Key Information

Applications Open:	GCSE Results Day
Priority Deadline:	21 September 2026
Application Form:	16-19 Bursary Application Form
Email Evidence To:	finance@tltrust.co.uk

Please note the following:

Priority will be given to helping students with travel costs. Due to the timing of the process, students may need to pay for their own costs such as travel to school in September/October and then claim these back if their bursary application is successful.

Please be mindful that reimbursement will only be made if receipts/proof of purchase is provided, so please ensure you keep all receipts.

Who Can Apply?

Bursaries for defined vulnerable groups

You may be eligible if you:

- Are currently in Local Authority care
- Are a care leaver
- Receive Income Support or qualifying Universal Credit in your own right
- Receive Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) together with ESA or Universal Credit in your own right

Awards are based on an assessment of your actual financial need and participation costs.

Discretionary Bursary

You may be eligible if you:

- Live in a low-income household
- Face financial barriers to participation
- Need help with essential educational costs
- Are experiencing exceptional financial hardship

Meeting the income criteria does not automatically guarantee an award.

How to Apply

Complete Online Application

by Monday 21st September 2026

(Don't forget to keep any travel receipts from the start of term in case we need to reimburse you)



Submit Supporting Evidence to finance@tltrust.co.uk

by Monday 21st September 2026



Eligibility & Financial Assessment

to be completed by Finance



Award Decision

to be confirmed to student by October Half-Term at the latest



Student to submit requests for support

via Bursary Item Request Form



Support Provided

Travel tickets, books, equipment etc will be purchased for the student

Supporting Evidence

All Applicants

- ☐ Proof of age (Passport or Birth Certificate)
- ☐ Proof of address

Vulnerable Bursary Applicants

- ☐ Relevant benefit award notice
- ☐ Local Authority confirmation (where applicable)
- ☐ Additional evidence required to confirm eligibility

Discretionary Bursary Applicants

- ☐ Household income evidence
 - ☐ Benefit evidence (where applicable)
 - ☐ Evidence of educational and/or travel costs
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How Support is Provided

Wherever possible, support will be provided directly by the school, for example:

- Travel passes
- Books and stationery
- Specialist equipment or clothing
- Educational visits
- Other essential course-related costs

Support may be provided in-kind, through reimbursement of approved costs, or by direct payment where appropriate.

Conditions of Award

Students receiving bursary support are expected to:

- Attend regularly
- Engage with their study programme
- Meet the school's standards of behaviour
- Use funds for the purpose for which they were awarded

Before any future payments are withheld, the school will consider the student's individual circumstances.

Appeals

If you disagree with a bursary decision, you may appeal through the school's Complaints Procedure.

Need Help?

Email: finance@tltrust.co.uk or contact the Head of Sixth Form or the Sixth Form Support Manager

Important

Bursary funding is limited. Submitting an application does not guarantee an award. Awards are subject to assessment of eligibility, financial need and the availability of funding.
