

For more information on our bursaries, please contact us using the details below:

Existing students

Bedford College

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Email: studentservices@bedford.ac.uk

Shuttleworth College

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Tresham College

(Kettering, Corby & Wellingborough Campuses) Tel: 01536 413232

Email: studentservices@tresham.ac.uk

New students

Bedford/Shuttleworth College

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Email: enquiries@bedford.ac.uk

Tresham College

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Email: info@tresham.ac.uk

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR

STUDENTS AGED 16-19

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For more information on financial support available at College or to complete an application form, please visit:

www.bedford.ac.uk/studentfinance or www.tresham.ac.uk

External Sources of Support










Grants search tool

www.turn2us.org.uk

Benefits search website

www.entitledto.co.uk

WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO ATTEND ALL THEIR CLASSES. HOWEVER, IF YOUR ATTENDANCE DROPS BELOW 90%, YOUR BURSARY PAYMENTS MAY BE AFFECTED.

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The Bedford College Group offers a range of financial support through our 16-19 bursaries to help young people where household income is £30,000 or less. Students must be aged 16-18 on 31 August 2020 or aged 19 and on the second year of a two year course.

Funding is provided by the government and enables the Group to make discretionary awards to those young people assessed as facing the greatest financial barriers to participation in their college study programme.

We have five bursary schemes:

- Travel Bursary
- Vulnerable Learner Bursary
- Meals Bursary
- Course Cost Bursary
- Discretionary Hardship Bursary

TRAVEL BURSARY

The travel bursary is a means tested bursary of up to £600 available to students studying a full-time study programme (Level 3 or below) who:

- Are aged 16-18 on 31 August 2020 or aged 19 and on the second year of a two year study programme
- Live more than three miles walking distance from the campus you will be studying at
- Have an annual household income of £30,000 or less
- Are not eligible for financial support for travel from your Local Authority

VULNERABLE LEARNER BURSARY

Students aged 16-18 could get up to £1,200 if at least one of the following applies:

- You're in or recently left local authority care
- You get Income Support or Universal Credit in your name
- You are in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit as well as Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your own name

PLEASE NOTE:

- You will be asked for documentation to evidence your individual circumstances e.g. tenancy agreement, child benefit letter, Social Worker letter etc
- Where your course is less than 30 weeks, you'll usually receive less than the full amount (pro-rata)
- Funds are paid monthly, directly into your bank account, subject to 90% attendance

COURSE COSTS BURSARY

Some courses have essential costs for books, materials, equipment or uniform. Where these costs present a barrier to participation in learning, we offer a discretionary bursary of up to 75% of costs, subject to household income of £30,000 or less.

PLEASE NOTE: students on second year of a two year course will not be eligible for this unless specific costs are specified for the second year.

MEALS BURSARY

The meals bursary entitles eligible students to £3.00 to spend on a variety of healthy meal options at College on days they are timetabled to attend.

This bursary is only available to students who qualify for the vulnerable learner bursary and those whose parents receive certain means-tested benefits. Students must attach the relevant evidence with their application.

DISCRETIONARY HARDSHIP BURSARY

The Hardship Bursary is a discretionary award towards the general costs and is only awarded to students with exceptional financial hardship.

If you experience a sudden change of circumstances which places you in hardship, please speak to a Student Services Adviser or your Personal Achievement Tutor.

A discretionary award may be made to help ensure that you can still participate in College and complete your qualifications.

CARE TO LEARN

Care To Learn can help with childcare while you study. You must be aged under 20 at the start of your study programme.

HOW TO APPLY: If you're applying for the first time apply online at www.gov.uk/care-to-learn. If you have received Care to Learn in 2019/20 you can log in to apply for the new academic year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Applications for course cost, travel and vulnerable learner bursaries are considered as a priority and are normally processed first.

General hardship bursaries are considered from the start of the spring term, subject to available funds once all essential costs have been covered.