

Student Support Fund



You may be able to receive financial support to help cover the cost of course-related day-to-day expenses such as books, stationery and course related trips, childcare and meals.

The Discretionary/Bursary fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education.

Please contact Emma Feeney (emma.feeney@bridgetrainingltd.co.uk and / or Emma Edkins emma.edkins@bridgetrainingltd.co.uk) as they will be able to help and guide you through the process.

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Discretionary Fund

We offer financial support to students aged 16 – 19, and 19+

- You need to be 16 or over on 31 August 2024 to be eligible
- Be aged 19 if you are continuing a study programme you began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers') or have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- You need to have been resident in the UK, EU or EEA for 3 years prior to the start of your course. (Exceptions for 16–18-year-old asylum seekers).
- You need to have applied for a course funded through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) at Bridge Training.
- Receiving means tested benefits (for example, Universal Credit), or being supported by someone who is
 1. If the household income is below £25,000 Net before tax.
 2. Students who are economically or socially disadvantaged and at risk of not taking up or continuing education. This group includes students with physical or other disabilities, medical conditions and/or learning difficulties.

EHE students (those under the age of 16): are eligible for the bursaries and will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the 16-19 Bursary Fund Guide 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Bursary for Vulnerable Groups

If you meet one of the four criteria below (plus the other criteria for age and residency) and if you have a financial need, you can apply for a bursary for vulnerable groups of up to £1,200 per year if you are participating on a study programme that lasts for 30 weeks or more.

- In care
- Care leavers
- Receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because you are financially supporting yourself or someone who is dependent on you and living with you such as a child or partner
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in your own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in your own right

Evidence would need to be provided and dated within the last three months. Evidence can be in the form of payslips, a work contract, most recent P60, Universal Credit online account or a letter stating the benefits you receive.

Student Financial Support Policy : [16-19 Student Financial Assistance](#)