Salter Sixth

George Salter Academy

16-19 Bursary Scheme 2026/27

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What is the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund?

The 16-19 Bursary is a Fund which replaced the Educational Maintenance Allowance. The new fund is a specific sum of money given to School Sixth Forms to help support those young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education or training Post 16.

The aim of the bursary fund is to remove financial barriers to participation in post 16 education. It is to be awarded to individuals, specifically targeting those who are financially disadvantaged, thereby facilitating their education. ***Bursary payments will be linked to attendance, behaviour and progress, and will be paid in instalments.***

The level of support that young people need will vary, and is dependent upon a range of factors, including the type of course they are undertaking, whether they need any specialist equipment, and their travel costs.

This fund could help you with education-related costs that may arise during the school year, including essentials like a meal during the day or transport to your school. It might also provide you with extra help to buy books, clothing or equipment for your course, or pay for educational visits.

Each school, receives an individual allocation of these funds for the academic year from the Education Funding Agency (EFA). Once these funds have been awarded to eligible pupils there is no guarantee that further monies will be available to support learners who subsequently submit an application.

All payments are based on individual needs.

The 16 – 19 Bursary Fund has 4 elements:

Category 1 - Vulnerable Student Bursary – you could receive up to £1200 if you:

- are in local authority care, or have recently left local authority care; or
- receive Income Support, or Universal Credit, in your own name(student's name); or
- are disabled and receive both Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance, or Personal Independence Payments in your own name. (Student's name).

Category 2 - High Discretionary Bursary (household income under £16,200) - you could receive up to £1,000

Students who are eligible to receive a Free School Meal
Receipt of benefits/University Credit (current tax year)
P60 (current tax year)
Tax Credit Award (current tax year)
Evidence of self-employment income (current tax year)

Universal Credit monthly award notices for July, August, September and October
Parental pay-slips, July, August, September and October

Category 3 - Medium Discretionary Bursary (household income between £16,201 and £25,100) - you could receive up to £1,000

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Category 4 - Low Discretionary Bursary (household income between £25,101 and £36,000 - Students within this bracket may be considered for discretionary support where they can demonstrate a specific financial barrier to participation.

Evidence as above.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible you must be at least 16 years' old and under 19 years old on the 31st August in the year of application. You must also be taking part in full-time or part-time further education, or training. You will need to comply with the requirements set out in the three categories outlined later in this document.

Further information and advice for young people regarding the 16 -19 Bursary Fund is available from the Education Funding Agency website.

If you become eligible midway through a year you can apply at any point.

For students progressing from Year 12 to Year 13, a self-declaration form will need to be submitted, confirming that the household income has not changed from the previous year. **Please see Mrs Clifford for a declaration letter**.

How will the bursary be paid?

Payments will be made by electronic BACS transfer. The bursary awarded to you will be paid in equal instalments.

All bursary payments will be subject to confirmation that your attendance and behaviour meets the requirement of GSA.

Other eligibility factors for the 16-19 Bursary at Salter Sixth:

In order to receive financial support the student's unauthorised and unexplained absences should be less than 5% and students should have no more than four referrals for poor behaviour or missing/late work. This includes all lessons. The student should also have signed and returned the admissions contract, and all elements of the contract should be adhered to. Behaviour must be good and progress should be made in all subjects in order to receive any allocation. These aspects will be reviewed throughout the year, using the academic tracking system, and tutor or teacher concerns as well as attendance analysis.

All applications will be treated confidentially. Photocopies of documents will be required. Payments will be made by BACS, payable to the student.

How do I apply?

Students will be informed via assemblies and tutors. Students will be encouraged to apply as soon as possible:-

- Initial deadline date: - **Thursday 1st October 2026**

All paperwork **MUST** be completed in full, depending on the category you are applying for. In the category you are applying for, you **MUST** list what you will be using the money for, with clear pricing. If successful with your application, **receipts** must be provided before payments will be processed.

Support in-kind: In cases where students are unable to pay up-front costs of items, the school will order items on their behalf. The school may also choose to place orders on students' behalf for course books and other materials.

Students and their parent/carer must take great care to ensure information provided to us is true and complete. If information is found to be false or incomplete (i.e. undeclared income) we will request that the money awarded be repaid in full. Failure to repay the award may lead to police involvement/court action.

Application forms

Application Forms are available on our website under Sixth Form – Admissions – then scroll down the Post 16 Bursary and click on link to open up the online form.

All supporting paperwork **MUST** be provided with your application, to be considered.

Appeals

All decisions in relation to the 16-19 Bursary Fund are made at the Bursary meeting, this ensure all applications are discussed and given careful considerations.

If you are unhappy about the decision made in relation to an application form or when payment has been stopped due to a student not meeting his/her SMART TARGETS you have the right to appeal:

All Appeals should be made in writing to:

Mrs R. Bellingham
Principal
George Salter Academy
Davey Road
West Bromwich
B70 9UW

Mrs A. Howe
Business Manager
George Salter Academy
Davey Road
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