

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING**

### **Financial Help for Further Education**

If your daughter or son stay in learning at school or college, they may be able to get money to help with their studies from the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund at their school or college.

The 16 to 19 Bursary is aimed at students who need financial help so that they can stay in learning. Money from the fund is given out by individual schools and colleges to students who they consider are in need of help.

Students who are most in need will be eligible to receive a bursary of up to £1200 a year. This group includes:

- young people in care, or care leavers
- people claiming income support
- disabled young people receiving Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

For other young people facing financial difficulty, the school or college will decide whether to award a bursary, and how much.

For detailed information on the 16 to 19 Bursary, visit the [16 to 19 Bursary Fund section](#) of GOV.UK.

### **Can they get any other help with money or course fees?**

If they stay on at a Local Education Authority (LEA) school, academy or further education college and are under the age of 19, they will not have to pay any course fees. You will continue to get Child Benefit or any other benefits (such as Child Tax Credit) you already receive for them.

Once they are over the age of 19 they may have to pay course fees, so they should bear this in mind if they choose to delay going into further education.



There are other sorts of financial help which can sometimes be available to help students with living and learning costs. As well as the 16 to 19 Bursary they might be able to get help with travel costs, and there are also some specialist funds, like Dance and Drama Awards, for students who want to study particular subjects.

To find out more about what may be available, visit the [Further education courses and funding section](#) of GOV.UK.

## **Child Benefit when your child turns 16**

Child Benefit stops on 31 August of the year your child turns 16 if they leave education or training – for example to start a job or apprenticeship. It continues if they stay in “approved education or training”.

### **Approved education**

Education must be full-time (at least an average of 12 hours a week supervised study and or course-related work experience) and can include:

- A levels or similar - eg Extended/Advanced Diploma, International Baccalaureate
- Scottish Highers
- NVQ up to level 3
- home education - if started before your child turned 16

Higher Education Courses (eg University Degree, Higher National Certificate or Diploma, Dip HE, NVQ level 4 or higher) aren't included.