Higher Education Bursary - Deadline 21 November 2025

Applications for the 2025-2026 Higher Education bursary are now open.

You may be eligible to apply for a bursary if you are studying a Higher Education course. You can read more about the bursary provision in our Access and Participation plans, which you can read here Fee Structure | East Sussex College (escg.ac.uk)

You may be eligible for a bursary if you are an East Sussex College Group student enrolled on a Higher Education course (Foundation Degree, BA/BSc Degree, HNC/HND), and fall into one of the categories below:

1. You first enrolled on your current course Sept 2020-2025

You are eligible for a bursary if you fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Your household income is below £28,000 per annum (£34,000 for counselling students)
- You are from a minority ethnicity, Roma, Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Your permanent home address is in an under-represented area in Higher education (POLAR 4 Quintile 1 or 2 area) www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/search-by-postcode/
- You are in receipt of Disabled Students Allowance or applying for the DSA
- You are a carer for an adult & in receipt of a carers allowance
- You were in receipt of free meals at school
- You are a care leaver/estranged student

If you are from a minority ethnicity and/or if you live in and under-represented postcode, we will be able to assess this using the information you provide in your application.

Students can receive £200 for each category they fall into up to a maximum of £500 in each year of study (pro-rata for part-time students). Usually paid in 2 instalments in December and March subject to attendance. Students will need to reapply in each year of study.

2. You first enrolled on your current course Sept 2019

- You are eligible for a bursary if your household income is below £25,000 per year

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Applying:

To apply for a bursary, you need to complete an online application and submit the required evidence using the link below:
https://escg.paymystudent.com/portal/

Please ensure you provide the correct evidence, otherwise your application and bursary payments will be delayed and may be declined.

The deadline for applications is 21 November 2025. We will not accept applications after the deadline. Awards are made on a first come first served basis. The fund will close when fully allocated.

Please contact hebursaries@escg.ac.uk if you have any questions or need any assistance.