

These guidance notes should be read in conjunction with application and the 2021-2022 Student Support Fund Policy and Procedures, which can be obtained from our website or Student Services. The College is given specific allocations of funding to provide assistance to learners studying on a course funded by the Education & Skills Funding Agency. Learners should apply early as the funds do run out. Applications will be dealt with on a strict date received basis and this is dependent on all applications being fully completed with all the required evidence. Incomplete applications will be marked as incomplete/awaiting evidence on the online portal.

Please note that eligibility does not mean that an award will be made as the funds are limited and will close when fully allocated. No guarantee can be given that funds will be available when you apply. If there is a high demand on the funds, awards may be made at a reduced rate. Subsequent payments (where paid) may be at a lower rate if there is a high demand.

Funds will only be released once learners have enrolled and started their course. Initial awards will normally be made within 4 weeks of the course start date or from date of receipt of application whichever is the latter.

Please be aware that if learners leave their course early, the college may ask for the return of any payments made or kit/uniform that has been purchased with the funds.

Learners on 2-year courses will need to re-apply for subsequent years and criteria and awards may differ.

Care to Learn

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be under 20 years old on the first day of your course • If you have more than one child, you can get help for each of them
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £160 per child per week
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare while you are learning, on work placements linked to your course or programme of study or doing private study • Additional travel costs you have to pay so you can take your child from home to the childcare provider
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The easiest way to request an application pack for 2021/22 is online from: https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn or you can call the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989

16-18 Discretionary Bursary Support Funds

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at 31 August 2021 be over 16 and under 19 years of age or aged 19 – 24 and have an Education, Health and Care Plan or aged 19 and continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 (19+ continuers) AND • Be studying on a funded course funded and leads to a qualification (up to Level 3) that is accredited by Ofqual AND • In receipt of eligible benefits (See free meals)/Household income (Earned Income & Income related benefits) of £16,190 or less (band A) and up to a Household income of £28,000 band B). Percentage awards according to Income.
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount awarded depends on individual costs of attending college. It is important to note that the fund is finite. See summary of awards table.
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support students towards the cost of travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits, and materials. For travel you must live more than 3 miles from the campus you are studying at.
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments direct to bank accounts or credit to student college account where applicable • Travel is usually paid in 5 instalments.
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements and acceptable behaviour and conduct
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online at https://escg.paymystudent.com/portal/ or click on the link from our website www.escg.ac.uk Available from 2 July 2021

16-18 Vulnerable Learner Bursaries

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 16 and under 19 years of age on 31 August 2021 AND • Be studying on a funded course funded and leads to a qualification (up to Level 3) that is accredited by Ofqual AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in care or leaving care OR • in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name OR • in receipt of ESA and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own name
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to a maximum of £1,200 per year, calculated on actual need & cost
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support students towards the cost of essential travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits, and materials
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly instalments into student's bank account or credit to student college account where applicable
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of the Vulnerable Learner Bursary will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online at https://escg.paymystudent.com/portal/ or click on the link from our website www.escg.ac.uk Available from 2 July 2021

Free Further Educations Meals

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at 31 August 2021 be over 16 and under 19 years of age or aged 19 – 24 and have an Education, Health and Care Plan or aged 19 and continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 (19+ continuers) AND • Be studying on a funded course funded and leads to a qualification (up to Level 3) that is accredited by Ofqual AND <p>be in receipt of eligible benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support • Income – based Jobseekers Allowance • Income – related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) • Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 • The guarantee element of State Pension Credit • Child Tax Credit (provided that they are not entitled to working tax credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190-00, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Custom. • Working Tax Credit run – on – paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit • Universal Credits with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 per annum (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal to the value of £2.41 per day you are in college
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals whilst in college
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be able to use you Student ID card to purchase food in the various college outlets
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change will be given if you spend less than £2.41. You can choose to spend more than £2.41 – you will need to pay the difference
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online at https://escg.paymystudent.com/portal/ or click on the link from our website www.escg.ac.uk Available from 2 July 2021

19+ Adult Education Bursary Funds (20+ Childcare Support Funding)

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be over 19 on 31 August 2021 AND • Be enrolled to an Adult Education Budget (Classroom based) funded course. For level 3 courses, student must be 19 – 23 studying their first full level 3 qualification which is on the list of entitlements/ National Skills Fund or 24 and over studying their first full level 3 qualification which is part of the National Skills Fund list of eligible courses. • In receipt of eligible benefits (see free meals)/Household income (Earned Income & Income related benefits) of £25,000 or less (single household) or £34,000 or less (multiple income or with dependents)
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount awarded depends on individual costs of attending college. It is important to note that the fund is finite. See summary of awards table.
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support students towards the cost of travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits, and materials and Childcare costs. . For travel you must live more than 3 miles from the campus you are studying at.
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments direct to bank accounts or credit to student college account where applicable • Travel is usually paid in 5 instalments. • Childcare paid direct to settings on receipt of invoice
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements and acceptable behaviour and conduct
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online at https://escg.paymystudent.com/portal/ or click on the link from our website www.escg.ac.uk Available from 2 July 2021

Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be over 19 on 31 August 2021 AND • Be studying on a that leads to a qualification (Level 3 or above) that is accredited by Ofqual • Be in receipt of an Advanced Learner Loan for the course. • In receipt of eligible benefits (See free meals)/Household income (Earned Income & Income related benefits) of £18,000 or less (single household) or £25,000 or less (multiple income or with dependents)
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount awarded depends on individual costs of attending college. It is important to note that the fund is finite. See summary of awards table.
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support students towards the cost of travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits and materials and childcare costs. For travel you must live more than 3 miles from the campus you are studying at.
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments direct to bank accounts or credit to student college account where applicable • Travel is usually paid in 5 instalments. • Childcare paid direct to settings on receipt of invoice
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements and acceptable behaviour and conduct
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online at https://escg.paymystudent.com/portal/ or click on the link from our website www.escg.ac.uk Available from 2 July 2021

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