

# Financial Support Guidance - 20/21

## 16-18 Vulnerable Learner Bursaries

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 16 and under 19 years of age on 31 August 2020 AND</li> <li>• studying on a course funded by the EFA or funded or co-funded by the European Social Fund or otherwise publicly funded and leads to a qualification (up to Level 3) that is accredited by Ofqual AND;             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in care or leaving care OR</li> <li>• in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name OR</li> <li>• in receipt of ESA and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own name.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to a maximum of £1200 per year, calculated on actual need &amp; cost</li> </ul>
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support students towards the cost of essential travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits and materials.</li> </ul>
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly installments into student's bank account or credit to student college account where applicable.</li> </ul>
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment of the vulnerable learner Bursary will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements.</li> </ul>
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply online – see our website for details <a href="https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/">https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/</a></li> <li>• <b>Available from 3 August 2020</b></li> </ul>

## 16-18 Discretionary Bursary Support Funds

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be over 16 and under 19 years of age on 31 August 2020 AND</li> <li>• be studying on a course funded by the EFA or funded or co-funded by the European Social Fund or otherwise publicly funded and leads to a qualification (up to Level 3) that is accredited by Ofqual AND</li> <li>• Household income (Earned Income &amp; Income related benefits) of £16,190 or less (as stated at the time of application) and up to a Household income of £26,000, Percentage awards according to Income.</li> </ul>
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount awarded depends on individual costs of attending college. It is important to note that the fund is finite.</li> </ul>
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support students towards the cost of travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits and materials.</li> <li>• Students receiving certain benefits with a Household Income of £16,190 or less will be eligible for a Further Education Free Meal.</li> </ul>
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payments made to student cards for food awards, other payments direct to bank accounts or credit to student college account where applicable.</li> </ul>
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements and a good level of behavior.</li> </ul>
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply online – see our website for details <a href="https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/">https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/</a></li> <li>• <b>Available from 3 August 2020</b></li> </ul>

**Please note:** All of the above are based upon Financial Support Packages available during the current academic year (2020/21) and no guarantee can be made for subsequent years

## Care to Learn

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be under 20 years old on the first day of your course.</li> <li>• If you have more than one child, you can get help for each of them.</li> </ul>
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to £160 per child per week.</li> </ul>
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare while you're learning, on work placements linked to your course or programme of study or doing private study.</li> <li>• Additional travel costs you have to pay so you can take your child from home to the childcare provider.</li> </ul>
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The easiest way to request an application pack for 2020/21 is online from: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn">https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn</a> or you can call the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989</li> </ul>

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

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be over 19 on 31 August 2020 AND</li> <li>• be studying on a course funded by the SFA or funded or co-funded by the European Social Fund or otherwise publicly funded and leads to a qualification (up to Level 2) that is accredited by Ofqual.</li> <li>• Students aged 19-23 without a Level 3 Qualification.</li> <li>• have a low household income or be in receipt of an Income related benefit (or as stated at the time of application).</li> </ul>
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount awarded depends on individual costs of attending college. It is important to note that the fund is finite.</li> </ul>
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support students towards the cost of travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits and materials.</li> </ul>
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Termly in arrears into student's bank account or credit to student college account where applicable Childcare direct to settings.</li> </ul>
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements.</li> </ul>
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply online – see our website for details <a href="https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/">https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/</a></li> <li>• <b>Available from 3 August 2020</b></li> </ul>

## Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be over 19 on 31 August 2020 AND</li> <li>• be studying on a course funded by the SFA or funded or co-funded by the European Social Fund or otherwise publicly funded and leads to a qualification ( Level 3 or above) that is accredited by Ofqual</li> <li>• Be in receipt of an Advanced Learner Loan.</li> <li>• Have a low household income or be in receipt of an Income related benefit (or as stated at the time of application).</li> </ul>
How much can I get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount awarded depends on individual costs of attending college. It is important to note that the fund is finite.</li> </ul>
What does the funding cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support students towards the cost of travel, books, equipment, uniforms, visits and materials and Childcare Costs.</li> </ul>
How is it paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Termly in arrears into student's bank account, or credit to student college account where applicable Childcare direct to settings.</li> </ul>
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment will be based on 90% attendance at College or at work placements.</li> </ul>
How do I apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply online – see our website for details <b>Available from 3 August 2020</b> <a href="https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/">https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/finance-information/</a></li> </ul>

