

PINC COLLEGE

16 to 19 BURSARY FUND



**Pinc
College.**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023- 2024

The 'Defined Vulnerable Groups' bursary fund is for students who are aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31 August 2023. Applications can be made if students are:

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) **or UC in their own right**

UC has now fully rolled out and so young people aged 16 to 18 will no longer be in receipt of the other benefits listed above.

The bursary fund is intended to help students with the essential costs of participating in their study programme. Help with the cost of essential books or equipment or with the cost of travelling to college, for example. The bursary fund is not intended to support costs not related to education (living costs), extra-curricular activities or provide learning support – services that institutions give to students – such as counselling, mentoring or extra tutoring.

The bursary is allocated by the Student Bursary Support Fund and Pinc College will make the application on behalf of students once it has confirmed their eligibility for the fund. Wherever possible, payments will be made in-kind rather than in cash. Please note that even though a student may pass the eligibility criteria, they may not receive an award because their financial costs are already being met by other sources. Or a reduced award could be made because the financial help they need is limited. For example, a student may be in the care of a local authority that is covering the costs of their education in full. Or travel costs are being met by a student's local authority.

A bursary will only be paid if attendance and behaviour meet our required standards.

If you are successful in receiving bursary funding it does not affect receipt of other means-tested benefits paid to families, such as Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or, generally, Universal Credit.

Please note that our policy is to maintain strict confidentiality in the review and storage of any information that is held.

You can request that an application form is posted to you or collect one from the College. We can help if you require any further information, or have questions about how to complete your application.

Email: connect@pinccollege.co.uk

There is also a guide for students (and parents) which can be found on the government's website as follows: <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>