



SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

Sixth Form Bursary Fund Information 2021/2022

Eligibility

Be at least 16 and under 19 on 31 August 2021 or 19 years and above continuing on a course previously started

Meet the residency requirements - your school or college can check this

Bursary for students in vulnerable groups

You may be able to get a bursary if at least one of the following applies:

- you're in or you recently left local authority care
- you get Income Support or Universal Credit because you're financially supporting yourself
- you get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in your name and either Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit
- you get Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your name and either ESA or Universal Credit

The amount you may get depends on the costs you have and what you need for your course. This might include money for books, equipment or travel costs to school or college.

Discretionary bursary

- If you are registered for Free School Meals with the school you will automatically receive the discretionary bursary payment.
See criteria below:*
- You have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- You are over 19 and continuing on a course started when aged 16-18 years.
- If one or both of your Parents/Carers are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or enhanced rate of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Students may be able to claim a one off payment for educational trips or essential equipment for learning, when there is sudden financial hardship. Please contact the Head of Sixth Form for further information

Students who have been awarded discretionary bursaries must meet the school expectations of attendance and punctuality on a weekly basis. Also students must follow the school behaviour policy and meet behaviour expectations on a weekly basis.

Payment may be suspended if these conditions are not met

***CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS/CARERS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS:**

- Income support
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earned income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit, and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. **(If you receive working tax credit as well as child tax credit you will not be entitled to free school meals).**
- The guarantee element of state pension credit.
- If your child is eligible for and getting free school meals on 31 March 2018, they'll remain eligible until 31 March 2022 regardless if your income changes.

IMPORTANT:- Please note if you are in receipt of working tax credits you will not be entitled to free school meals