

Godalming College Vulnerable Bursary Fund Information 2022 – 2023

The Vulnerable Bursary is aimed at supporting students who fall into specific groups to help overcome financial barriers they may have to face when attending College. All information provided to us is treated in the strictest confidence and we are happy to answer any queries.

Eligibility for the Vulnerable Bursary Fund

This award is for students who are in one of the defined groups below and can be up to £1,200 per year. Awards will be subject to a financial needs assessment.

Groups	Evidence required
Looked After Children, or previously Looked After Children i.e. cared for by the Local Authority	A letter from your Social Worker, Key Worker or Local Authority
Receiving Income Support or Universal Credit because you are financially supporting yourself or financially supporting yourself and someone who is dependent on you and living with you	A copy of your Income Support award letter or Universal Credit award notice. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit we must also see other documentation such as a tenancy agreement in your name, utility bill, birth certificate
In receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance in your own name or In receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in your own name	A copy of your Employment Support Allowance award letter. Also evidence of Disability Living Allowance award letter or Personal Independence Payments award letter must be provided

To be in receipt of this bursary, you must meet the residency conditions in the ESFA funding regulations. All students must be aged 16 or over but under 19 at 31st August 2022. For those students aged 19 or over at 31st August 2022 they must be continuing a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 or have an Educational, Health and Care Plan.

How else can the bursary help me?

Free School Meals (FSM)

The College operates a FSM policy and is offered as standard to students receiving the Vulnerable Bursary Fund. Students will be entitled to up to £4.00 a day of food and drink from the College's catering facilities. Students will need to use their College ID Card to obtain their free meals allowance.

Transport

All those students in receipt of the Vulnerable Bursary are able to reclaim their public transport costs for their return journey to College. Please note we do not reimburse or contribute towards:

- Car costs e.g. insurance, repairs
- Petrol costs
- Taxis or Ubers

Laptop Assistance

The College Bursary Fund has a reasonable supply of laptops that we are able to gift to students in receipt of a College bursary. These are allocated on a first come first served basis, so if this is something that you need assistance with please stipulate on your application form.

Bank account

We cannot make payments to students in cash. All payments will be via BACS directly into a student's own bank account. If you need any assistance with this please get in touch.

Contact details

If you have any queries, please contact the Student Services Administrator.

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