



Simon Balle School 16-19 Bursary Allocation Criteria

Full Bursaries

These bursaries, of £1,200 per year, are available to students in any of the following categories:

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Young people in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit
- Disabled young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments

Discretionary Bursaries

In keeping with current practice on financial support for school activities, Simon Balle School may provide bursaries to support students' costs (eg transport, meals, books and equipment) for those whose parents are entitled to any of the following state benefits:

- Free School Meals (now or in the past six years)
- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Income related employment & support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit an annual income assessed by HMRC which does not exceed £16,105
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Parents will need to provide proof of entitlement to the benefits prior to payment. Students may need to provide a copy of their passport.

Payment

The School Bursary available is based on funds allocated by the EFA (Education Funding Agency) on an annual basis. Student allocations will vary according to demand and to the total funding given to us by the EFA. As an indication, we received around £12,000 in 2016/17 for approximately 250 students.

Qualifying applicants will be paid upon approval of an application and payment will be made directly into a nominated bank account.

Exceptional Circumstances Application

Any remaining funds may be available for distribution to students in exceptional circumstances for specific curricular requirements, if approved by the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form.

Entitlement Expectations

Students eligible for the 16-19 Bursary must meet the criterion of 100% attendance, unless absence is authorised. If this criterion is not met payment will be forfeited for the week affected by absence.

Applications

Parents and students should complete the application form and send it to the sixth form office with supporting evidence. The process of application and payments will remain confidential.