

**19+ Financial Support
Policy 2021/22**

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Responsible Manager (s): Director for Students
Executive Lead: Vice Principal HE and Student Enhancement

Applicable to staff: Yes
Applicable to students: Yes
Accessible to students: Yes
Accessible to general public:
(including clients) Yes

Consultation

Consultation undertaken with:

- SMT Yes 10.09.21
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Policy review frequency; normally annually

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1. Scope and purpose of policy

1.1 This policy and procedure applies to students who are aged 19+ as of 31 August 2021 and continuers who were 16+ at the start of their programme. The scope of this policy extends to students who are aged 19-24 and on an Educational Health and Care Plan. This policy demonstrates how B&FC administers funds in accordance with regulatory guidelines.

2. Policy statement

2.1 The 19+ Bursary Fund Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation so they can access and remain in education. . B&FC's policy on financial support funds is to follow the rules laid down by the regulator, Educational and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

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3. Procedure

3.1 The application process is identified in Appendix A

3.2 The eligibility criteria and types of support are identified in Appendix B

4. Accountability

4.1 The Director for Students is responsible for ensuring this policy is accessible and current

4.2 If a student has a particular barrier to learning and requires financial support for something not listed in Appendix A, they should apply for funding through the Barriers to Learning scheme.

5. Student Involvement

5.1 The Student Union and elected representatives were consulted in the formation of this policy.

6. Linked policies

- 16-19 Financial Support Policy 2021/22
- Advanced Learner Loan Financial Support Policy 2021/22
- Financial Support Appeals Policy and Procedure 2021/22

7. Linked procedures

- N/A

8. Appendix A

- Applications details: <https://blackpool.ac.uk/support/adult-student-funding>
- SSfunds@blackpool.ac.uk

Appendix B

Eligibility and types of support

- To receive financial support students will normally have a minimum attendance of 90%.
- Students aged 19+ are only eligible to receive a discretionary bursary if they are continuing on a study programme, they began aged 16 to 18 (19+ continuers) or have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- These two groups of aged 19+ students can receive a discretionary bursary while they continue to attend education (in the case of 19+ continuers, this must be the same programme they started before they turned 19), as long as their eligibility continues and Blackpool and The Fylde College (B&FC) considers they need the support to continue their participation.
- This funding is restricted and cannot be guaranteed.

Type of support	What students may be eligible for	Eligibility requirements
Discretionary student support fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Blackpool Transport (BT) for unlimited travel on BT bus or tram for those living 1.5 miles from main campus of study • Travel bursary of £60 month if student lives outside BT transport area • Taxi Support • Technology support for B&FC enabled devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household income of less than £25,000 per year, evidenced by eligible benefit proof or proof of parent/carer income for 2021-22 (Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis by VP Finance and Planning) • If student is unable to use BT as a result of LDD they may be eligible for Local Authority support in first instance. B&FC may consider applications for a taxi where evidence is provided through their latest disability benefit letter and household income is below £30,810
Free meal	Free daily lunch supplied as a voucher (hard copy or digital) redeemable at internal food outlets, and in some cases nominated external retail outlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household income must meet the threshold specified above
Course related bursary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly (during term time only) bursary of £60 to help with course related costs and expenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household income must meet the threshold specified above

Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 20 or over on the first day of their course who are at risk of not starting or continuing learning because of childcare costs. • Students can apply for help with the cost of childcare for College hours and essential placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply directly to B&FC. Household income must meet the threshold specified above. Childcare funding can only be paid to Ofsted registered provision. Any free hours that the student is eligible for must be used for College hours in the first instance.
Residential support scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help towards cost of accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with the costs of accommodation if you study away from home because the course is not available in your local area and you are studying towards your first full level 2 or 3 qualification. • Household income must also be below the threshold specified above

9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Impact Assessment

<p>Impact Assessment for the 4 strands of Equality, Safeguarding and Inclusion, Health and Safety and Sustainability</p>	
<p>Initial Form to be completed with Risk Assessments or as part of a proposal or change to a policy, plan or new way of working</p>	
<p>Title of Activity: 19+ Financial Support Policy</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> New or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision Please tick as appropriate</p>
<p>Author and Date: Director for Students, September 2021</p>	<p>Expected Implementation Date: September 2021 What is the review date? May 2022</p>
<p>Equality Diversity and Inclusion Which of the characteristics maybe impacted upon? And, if yes, how has this been considered? What are the risks? What are the benefits?</p>	
<p>Safeguarding: Are there any aspects of this proposal which could cause a learner/member of staff/visitor to feel unsafe? If yes, how has this been considered? What are the risks? What are the benefits?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Health and Safety: Have any risks been identified? If yes, how has this been considered? What are the risks? What are the benefits?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Sustainability: Are there expected benefits or impacts on sustainability issues? If yes, how have these been considered?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Evidence: What evidence do you have for your conclusions and expectations for these conclusions? How will this impact be monitored for all these considerations?</p>	
<p>Is this policy of a high/medium or low risk?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low</p>