



## GUIDANCE – ESFA FINANCIAL SUPPORT 2017/18 for students aged 16-18 or students aged 19-24 with an EHC Plan

### Are you:

- Aged 16, 17, 18 (19-24 with an EHC Plan) at 31 August 2017?
- Studying towards a full-time government funded further education qualification?

If you answered yes to both of these questions then you may be eligible for financial support for the following:

	Guaranteed Bursary	Discretionary Student Support	Free Student Meals
<b>The different types of offer available (depending on circumstances)</b>	Up to £1200 worth of funding and you can apply for 1 or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart Card</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Bursary</li> </ul>	Help with travel to and from College if you live 1.5 or more miles from the campus you attend  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	Lunch for the days that you attend College
<b>Am I eligible?</b>	In care, including unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, or Leaving care <b>OR</b> In receipt of Income Support or the equivalent Universal Credit (UC) <b>OR</b> Disabled and in receipt of <b>both</b> Employment Support Allowance (ESA) or the equivalent Universal Credit (UC) <b>and</b> Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment	Parents/Guardians: Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance or Income Support <b>OR</b> Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC) <b>OR</b> Council Tax Reduction/ Support or Housing Benefit <b>OR</b> Pension Credit (guaranteed only) <b>OR</b> Working/ Child Tax Credit (TC602) <b>2017/18</b> (2016/17 must show income less than £30,810) <b>OR</b> P60 end of year certificate for 2017 (must show income less £30,810) & Council Tax statement <b>OR</b> An unwaged dependant of any of the above	Parents/Guardians: Income based Jobseeker's Allowance <b>OR</b> Income Support <b>OR</b> Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) <b>OR</b> Pension Credit (guaranteed only) <b>OR</b> Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 <b>OR</b> Working Tax Credit run-on (- paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) <b>OR</b> Universal Credit (UC)

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<b>What do I need to bring?</b> <b>(Evidence)</b>	If you are In Care or a Care Leaver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written confirmation from the relevant local authority confirming Looked After or Care Leaver status</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> If you receive an eligible benefit in your own right: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A photocopy of all pages of a Job Centre Plus/DWP letter dated from March 2017</li> </ul>	A photocopy of all pages of a Job Centre Plus/ DWP letter dated from March 2017 <b>OR</b> A photocopy of all pages of a Working/ Child Tax Credit Notice* (TC602) <b>2017/18</b> (2016/17 must show income less than £30,810) <b>OR</b> Two P60s for April 2017 (income less than £30,810) and a council tax statement showing the number of adults living in the household. If one parent or carer in the household does not work and is not in receipt of an eligible benefit they should provide three months recent bank statements	A photocopy of all pages of a Job Centre Plus/ DWP letter dated from March 2017

**\*Please note: we are unable to accept your Tax Credit Annual Review Notice**

## How do I apply?

Download, print and complete an application form which can be found at [www.blackpool.ac.uk/support/funding](http://www.blackpool.ac.uk/support/funding).

You are encouraged to apply as early as possible due to funding availability and to ensure funding assistance is in place at the start of your course. You should make your own appropriate travel arrangements until support is in place.

**Either** - Bring your application form to the Careers Team at Bispham or the University Centre.  
**Or** - Post it: Blackpool and The Fylde College, The Careers Team, The Hub, Bispham Campus, Ashfield Road, Bispham, Blackpool, FY2 0HB.

## How will I be paid for the Guaranteed Bursary?

Payments will be made directly into your own bank account. To receive your payments go to [www.blackpool.ac.uk/paymentdetails](http://www.blackpool.ac.uk/paymentdetails) and enter your College login. You will receive payments fortnightly (during term-time) based on a minimum attendance profile of 90%, satisfactory progress and acceptable standards of behaviour. Attendance will be checked on a fortnightly basis.

Once your application form has been processed, you will be notified in writing of any entitlement. If you do not qualify for any funding but are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact a Student Adviser in the Careers Team to discuss your individual circumstances further on

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