



Plumpton College Bursary Policy

Mission Statement

- To consistently provide high quality training and education in a safe and welcoming environment that enables our students and employers to be successful.

Vision

- To be an innovative and inspirational college delivering excellent education, training and research that enables our students and employers to play a leading role in future industry growth and development.

Values

- Ambitious and Progressive, Enterprising, Professional, Supportive and Passionate about everything we do.

Statement

- This policy sets out the Plumpton College Bursary Policy in accordance and guidance issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

16-19 Discretionary Bursary 2022 – 2023

The discretionary bursary award is made to a student in a way that best fits their needs and circumstances.

- The discretionary bursary will be targeted towards students who face the greatest financial barriers i.e. transport, meals and equipment.
- Plumpton College eligibility for discretionary bursaries is:
 - a) Students with a family income of less than £27,000.
 - b) Students who received free school meals at the time of leaving high school.
 - c) Students whose family is in receipt of Income Support or other Tax benefits.
 - d) Payment dates for discretionary bursary awards will be:

05 September 2022

28 October 2022

02 January 2023
17 February 2023
14 April 2023
16 June 2023

16-19 Vulnerable Bursary 2021 – 2022

The vulnerable bursary is an award up to £1,200.00* per year** for young people in the following defined vulnerable groups:

- a) In care.
- b) A care leaver.
- c) In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is a dependant on them and living with them.
- d) In receipt of Employment Support Allowance, Job Seekers Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right.
- e) Unaccompanied asylum seekers (UASC) are treated as being in care.
- f) A young person placed with a foster carer by a local authority.
- g) No other groups are eligible.

Note:

*£1,200.00 is awarded if the vulnerable student is on a study programme which lasts for 30 weeks or more in an academic year

** Vulnerable students who meet the criteria and are on a study programme lasting less than 30 weeks will be given a bursary on a pro-rata basis.

19 + Hardship Bursary 2022 - 2023

The 19+ hardship bursary is to provide student help financially and in student support schemes enabling them to take part in education and training.

The 19+ hardship bursary will be available to students who will be aged 19 or over on 31st August 2021 and who face the greatest financial barriers i.e. transport, meals, equipment, childcare and tuition fees.

19+ students will be assessed on their income status.

Payment dates for discretionary bursary awards will be:

05 September 2022
28 October 2022
02 January 2023
17 February 2023
14 April 2023
16 June 2023

Residential Bursary 2022 – 2023

The residential bursary award is intended to support students who are participating in a designated specialist subject area and be used:

- To help with travel costs between the student's term time lodgings.
- As part of the wider suite of student financial support including free meals in further education.
- When specialist provision requires the student to attend the College at unsociable hours on a regular basis.
- Plumpton College eligibility for residential bursaries is:
 - a) Students must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31st August 2022.
 - b) Students aged 19 or over are only eligible 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).
 - c) Household joint income of less than £34,000 per year
- The student **cannot** apply for a residential bursary if they are:
 - a) Young people on paid education, training or apprenticeship programmes.
 - b) Requiring fees for access to college facilities.
 - c) Requiring block transport subsidy.
 - d) Requiring costs that are in scope of the 16-19 bursary discretionary bursary.
 - e) Childcare costs that are in the scope of the care to learn scheme.
 - f) Studying programmes that are widely available – Unless exceptional circumstances.
 - g) Requiring an additional activity such as participating in a specific sport.

Higher Education Bursary 2022 – 2023

The Higher Education (HE) bursary award is for HE students only. HE students can apply for extra money whilst studying on HE College courses.

- Plumpton College eligibility for HE bursaries is for HE students:
 - a) Who require additional assistance on top of any other student finance.
 - b) Studying a full time undergraduate or foundation degree.
 - c) Payable in 3 equal instalments on 28 October 2022, 02 January 2023 and 14 April 2023.
- HE students should note that:
 - a) The award is supported directly by Plumpton College.
 - b) This HE bursary will not have to be paid back.
 - c) Awards reflect individual circumstances and therefore comparison with other students is not appropriate

Advanced Learner Loan Bursary 2022 – 2023

The advance learner loan bursary is an award that allows students to apply for help with their study and living costs and can be applied for in addition to an Advance Learner Loans which only pays tuition fees directly to the learner provider. i.e. Plumpton College.

- Plumpton College eligibility for an advance learner loan bursary is:
 - a) Students with a low family income.
 - b) Students whose family is in receipt of Income Support or other Tax benefits.
 - c) Studying a full Level 3 or Level 4 course i.e., HE Courses, Diploma and Certificate courses.
 - d) A resident in the UK for the past 3 years.

- The money can help pay for things like:
 - a) Accommodation and travel.
 - b) Course materials and equipment.
 - c) Childcare.
 - d) Classroom assistance for a disability or learning difficulty – once assessed by the college / trainer provider.

- The student **cannot** apply for an advance learner loan bursary if they are:
 - a) Getting student finance for higher education.
 - b) On an apprenticeship training scheme.
 - c) On a community learning course.

- Payment dates for advance learner loan bursary awards will be:

05 September 2022

28 October 2022

02 January 2023

17 February 2023

14 April 2023

16 June 2023

Free School Meals (FSM) in further education

To provide FSM to disadvantaged students who are aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31st August 2022.

- Plumpton College eligibility for FSM is:
 - a) Students must be enrolled in further education.
 - b) Available to all eligible students for each day they attend their study programme.

- c) Due to Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funding of £2.41 per student per meal.
- d) Students aged over 19 who are continuing on the same study programme (19+ continuers) they started before they turned 19 or who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- e) Universal credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400.00 per year.
- f) Income support.
- g) Income based job seekers allowance.
- h) Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
- i) Support under the immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- j) The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- k) Child tax credit providing parents /guardians are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of not more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC.
- l) Working Tax Credit run on paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Best Practice

- Applications must be made using the [form](#) on the Plumpton College website.
- Applications for 2022-2023 will be taken from Tuesday, 1st May 2022.
- The size and nature of the award made will be subject to the amounts of funds available and the type of support requested.
- Plumpton College will claim 5% of the Student Bursary Fund allocation per year to cover the costs of administration.
- Discretion award consist of the following:
 - a) Bus ticket passes or travel allowance.
 - b) College meals.
 - c) Equipment or protective clothing.
 - d) Study trips.
 - e) Childcare costs.
 - f) College residential costs or routine stays or rent allowance.
 - g) Additional course related costs.
- Plumpton College bursary support is:
 - a) Conditional on good attendance, good punctuality and good behavior/student conduct.
 - b) Subject to funds being available at the time the application is received and assessed.

- The bursary fund is limited and once exhausted no further funding will be available. You should, therefore, be aware that a financial re-imburement of your expenditure is not guaranteed.
- Plumpton College reserves the right to defer or cancel awards in the event of any change of circumstances not satisfying our criteria.

Appeals

- Students can appeal in writing against a decision using the [Plumpton College Complaints Policy](#).

Contact Details

- Bursary Officer, Finance Department: 01273 892102 or email at: bursary-team@plumpton.ac.uk

Apply for a bursary here