

MONEY MATTERS

DEPENDING ON YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF FUNDING AND SHOULD APPLY TO THE COLLEGE VIA THE FUNDING TEAM.

Most of the funds mentioned depend on the availability of money allocated to the college; because of this, we always suggest that students apply for this funding within the first month after enrolment.

If you are aged between 16 and 18 you do not have to pay tuition fees if you have been living in the UK for 3 years prior to starting your studies.

Non-UK citizens will need to provide sufficient document/s confirming the right to live and study in the UK.

If you are aged 19 or over, you could be responsible for the payment of tuition fees. If this is the case, you will be required to pay a minimum of 10% of the tuition fee at the time of enrolling; together with setting up a Direct Debit agreement for the remaining monies. You will still be expected to do this, even if you are planning to, or have applied to the Discretionary Learner Support Fund and you are awaiting the decision outcome. The College Fee Policy can be found on our website.

ENTRY LEVEL & LEVEL 1 PROGRESSION FUNDING

If you are aged between 19 and 23, either employed or unemployed on the start date of your course and need to enrol on an Entry or Level 1 course before progressing onto your first full level 2, you may be eligible to have your tuition fees waived. If eligible your department will also supply the essential materials, equipment and cover the cost of any compulsory trips.

LEVEL 2 & LEVEL 3 ENTITLEMENT

If you are aged between 19 and 23, either employed or unemployed on the start date of your course and are studying for your first full Level 2 or Level 3 qualification, you may be eligible to have your tuition fees waived. If eligible your department will also supply the essential materials, equipment and cover the cost of any compulsory trips.

COURSE FEE REMISSION

If you are aged 19+ at the start date of your course

- And you are studying to a Level 2 qualification, and are unemployed and in receipt of a state benefit, Or
- Are employed and in receipt of state benefits and earn less than £345 per month (individual claims) or £552 (household claims) Or
- Are employed and earn less than £17,374.50 annual gross salary

you may be eligible to have your tuition fees waived. If eligible your department will also supply the essential materials, equipment and cover the cost of any compulsory trips.

PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT LOANS

A bank loan agreed with a participating bank, paid back once you have finished studying. To source more information please call 0800 100 900; or apply to: gov.uk/career-development-loans

DISCRETIONARY LEARNER SUPPORT FUND (DLSF)

If you are aged 19+ and on a low income, you may be eligible to receive a contribution towards the additional costs associated with your course as agreed by the College, together with (Ofsted registered) childcare and a contribution towards your travel. Also, if you are not eligible for one of the above fee waivers, you may be able to receive a contribution of up to 50% towards your tuition fees.

16-19 BURSARY FUND

If you are aged between 16 and 18 as of 31.8.21 and your family is on a low income, you may be eligible to receive a contribution toward the additional costs associated with your course as agreed by the College and a contribution towards your travel.

VULNERABLE BURSARY

If you are aged between 16 and 18 as at 31.8.21 and can meet the following criteria, you may be eligible for a Vulnerable Bursary worth up to £1,200

- I am a person under 19 who is looked after by the Local Authority
- I am a person under 19 who is looked after by the Leaving Care Team
- I am a person under 19 who is an unaccompanied asylum-seeker who is looked after by the Local Authority
- I am a person under 19 who is in receipt of Income Support/Universal Credit in my own name
- I am a person under 19 who is in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance/Universal Credit and Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payments in my own name
- I am aged between 16 and 18 on 31st August 2021 and I am funded through the European Social Fund (ESF)

DEPENDING ON YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AND YOU SHOULD APPLY TO THE EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AS DETAILED BELOW:-

LOCAL AUTHORITY POST 16 TRAVEL SCHEME

If you are aged between 16 & 18 your local authority may be able to assist with the cost of travel from home to college. To find out more information or to apply, please contact your local authority on:

Essex County Council: 0845 603 2200
www.essex.gov.uk/schooltransport

Thurrock Borough Council: 01375 652652
www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-and-college-transport

Southend Borough Council: 01702 215000
www.southend.gov.uk

OTHER TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

Can be sourced via:-

Oyster Cards: oyster.tfl.gov.uk

Arriva: arrivabus.co.uk/southend

Greater Anglia: www.greenrailtravel.co.uk

Ensign: www.ensignbus.com/studentcard

First buses: www.firstgroup.com/essex/tickets/ticket-types/south-essex-college-sec

C2C: www.c2c-online.co.uk/tickets-and-fares/smart-student

RESOURCES COSTS/TRIPS & VISITS

You may be required to buy books and class materials to support your course. On some vocational courses (eg., Art/Design and Media), you may need to buy special equipment to aid your practical studies. Uniforms and other materials can be purchased, please speak with your tutor for further information.

There are educational trips on many of our courses and you may have to pay a fee to attend. Funding for these may be available through the discretionary Learner Support Fund if the trip is a compulsory part of the course and you meet the eligibility criteria of the fund.

All funding is subject to change and every care is taken to ensure information is correct at the time of printing. Please contact the Funding Team for further information.