

ACCESSING SIXTH FORM FINANCE

The process for applying for 16-19 bursaries has a habit of changing every year. Currently, you must apply through your school or college.

If you're unsure who to approach about this, you can ask at your school's front desk, a teacher you're comfortable with asking or your pastoral support, and they can signpost you to who can help you out!

You will require evidence when you begin your application, this means that you get what you're fully entitled to! This can include evidence of family income, or your entitlement to:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit

The evidence asked for will depend on whether you're applying for the Vulnerable Groups Bursary, or the Discretionary Bursary

You should, if you haven't already, open a bank account so you can receive any financial support via direct debit - it's easier and quicker! Opening a bank account is nice and easy in our modern age, and adults around you can help. If you're doing it solo, though, here's a [quick guide](#) to a basic bank account with a list of things banks will ask for when you open it for ID and evidence! Most banks offer bank accounts to young people now (and you'll always need one)!

Upon applying for either bursary, there's an expectation (and often a signed contract) that you will **commit to certain academic and behavioural standards**. It can sound scary, but it's **just a commitment to have good attendance, punctuality, and behaviour** - all things you should be doing anyway! By providing this support, your school and college are *also* signing a contract to support your studies!

If you have any questions, you can live chat a member of our team [here](#).

We'd love to know if you found this resource helpful, let us know [here](#).