



**DN COLLEGES GROUP**

# Financial Support Guidance 2025–2026

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## Financial Support Overview

**Please be aware that DN Colleges Group may have to make changes to the bursary in line with DfE guidance during the 2025/2026 period and this may affect how you receive your award. Any changes which may affect your award will be notified to you as soon as possible via your student email account.**

DNCG receives set allocations of funding annually which is to provide financial support for Further Education students from The Department of Education (DfE).

### **DNCG seeks to ensure that:**

- Financial support funds are distributed in accordance with DfE guidelines and funding rules
- Administration of all financial support funds to effectively meet the needs of students and looks at removing financial barriers to them taking part in or continuing in learning
- They have appropriate systems in place to administer, record and monitor funds, ensuring they are used for their intended purposes

This guide covers the following student financial support funds, which are available to eligible students. Students who apply for any of the funds will be assessed individually and awarded support based on their individual financial needs.

Your support will be based on your age at 31/08/2025, support can only be offered to students over the age of 16 on 31/08/2025.

### **General**

If you are successful in your application for financial assistance, you will not receive any payments prior to the start of your course, we will reimburse you once you have enrolled and started your studies. Please consider this when budgeting for coming to college as the college is unable to guarantee that this can be reimbursed as it will be based on available funds.

Eligibility for student financial support does not give students an automatic entitlement to receive it. Students will be made aware that funding is limited and offered on a first come first served basis and during the year if it is necessary to introduce an application deadline, the date will be published. There may be reasons to make changes to how students are supported and as such these changes may need to be made to awards during the academic year subject to funds being available.

DNCG will promote the availability of financial support funds using a range of methods including college website, marketing material and internal communication with students. We will ensure that student financial support funds information is accessible to enable students to clarify the eligibility criteria as well as the application processes to allow students to fulfil their responsibility regarding the collection, completion and return of application forms with the appropriate required evidence and documentation.

Financial support awards will be adjusted pro-rata for late starters, late applicants and early completers, any financial support awarded will commence from the date we received your completed application along with any evidence required. If you are required to provide additional evidence you will have 3 months to provide that, if we do not receive the evidence after 3 months then your application will be cancelled.

Payments will only be made to students who are deemed as 'active', no payments will be made to students who have withdrawn prior to any payment date and payments to non-attending students may be withheld and/or reduced at the discretion of the College.

Financial support funding will be suspended for any student who is temporarily excluded from college during a disciplinary and will cease for those who have been excluded from college.

If you give false information, amend your course details or withdraw from the course you may be required to repay any funds awarded and/or return any kit in good condition.

All financial support will cease at the end of the academic year and returning students will need to apply for the following year.

### **16-18-year-old students or 19-24 with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**

- **Further Education Free Meals entitlement (FEFM)**
- **16-18 Discretionary Bursary (DB)**
- **16-18 Vulnerable Bursary (VB)**
- **Care to Learn (C2L)** for students aged under 20 on the start date of their course and require childcare support because they have a child(ren) of their own, students can apply through the College for this support.

### **19+ (ASF) students**

- **19+ (ASF) Discretionary Learner Support (DLS)**
- **20+ Childcare** (part of 19+ (ASF) Discretionary Learner Support)

### **Advanced Learner Loan students**

- **Advanced Learner Loan students**
- **20+ Childcare** - (Advanced Learner Loans Bursary)

### **Main Eligibility Criteria**

Students must satisfy all the following criteria for access to Student Funds:

- Meet the DfE residency requirements
- Meet the age requirements of the fund
- Be enrolled on an approved Government funded programme DfE (Department for Education), European Social Fund (ESF), publicly funded, traineeship programme)
- Be in receipt of income assessed state benefits/ tax credits (including Universal Credits) or have an annual net household income of:
  - £60,000 or below (16-18)\*
  - £44,000 or below (19+ ASF, ALL)\*
  - Free College Meal entitlement

\*the thresholds are set by DfE to ensure fair distribution of funds.

All students on waged apprenticeship programmes, or any waged learning or training, are not eligible for support from these funds.

# Further Education Support

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## 16-19 Funding Options

### 16-18-year-old students (or 19-24 with an EHCP)

The 16-18 Bursary Fund includes both Discretionary Bursary (**DB**) and Vulnerable Bursary (**VB**) and is funded by the Department for Education (DfE). It can provide financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation, so they can remain in education. In addition, it can also provide support with Further Education Free Meal costs for certain qualifying students.

DNCG normally considers applications where household income is £60,000 or below. This threshold is not set by DfE and does not create an automatic entitlement; all awards are based on an assessment of actual need and available funds.

### Free Meal Entitlement (FEFM)

Students must be aged between 16 and 18 on 31st August 2025 to be eligible for the Free Meal Entitlement. Students who turn 19 during academic year 2025/26 will remain eligible for the Free Meal Entitlement until the end of the academic year.

Students aged 19 to 24 who are subject to an 'Education, Health and Care Plan' (EHCP) are entitled to the Free Meal Entitlement where they meet the required eligibility criteria.

Students aged over 19 who are continuing the same study programme (19+ continuers) they started before they turned 19 are also entitled to the Free Meal Entitlement where they meet the required eligibility criteria.

To be eligible for the Free Meal Entitlement, students must be in receipt of, or have parents/guardians who are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC))
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (UC) with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 for each year (after tax and not including any benefits they get)
- Transitional protection for students who qualify on/after 1st April 2018 continue until the end of the academic year 2025-26

The following groups of students are not eligible for the Free Meal Entitlement:

- students aged between 14 and 16 (these students are already covered by FSM provision)
- students aged 19 or over at the start of their study programme, unless they have an EHCP or are a 19+ continuer
- apprentices, including those with an EHCP

The FEFM allowance is £2.61 which will be topped up to £5.50 a day across DNCG. Money will be allocated via the cashless catering system, this will allow it to be spent in the college catering facilities. Any unused credit will be removed at the end of each day and will not be carried forward. Equivalent bank payments will be made weekly for students at off-site locations where alternative catering facilities are provided (this includes during residential trips). FEFM allowance will only be available on the days for which you are timetabled to be in college or on work placement as part of your course.

## 16-19 Discretionary Bursary (DB)

**Please note that this is a discretionary and limited fund and meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee an award, this will depend on the available funds and your individual financial needs. However, if you meet the qualifying criteria for FEFM you will be entitled to the free meal funding element even if no other award is made to you.**

A new application will need to be submitted for each college year. Any Bursary award and payment is dependent upon you meeting the College's agreed attendance level of 90% or over, engaging with any home learning provision and demonstrating appropriate behaviour. If you fail to maintain these requirements your Bursary award and payments may be affected.

You can apply for 16-18 Bursary if:

- You are over 16 and under 19 on 31 Aug 2025 **or**
- You are over 19 on 31 Aug 2025 **and** have on EHCP **or**
- You are over 19 on 31 Aug 2025 **and** classed as a 19+ Continuer

and can show evidence of financial need and your family's household income is less than £60,000. As such you may be able to get support from the 16-19 Discretionary Bursary (DB) to help with your additional college related costs such as travel and, where funds are available, books equipment and uniform, visits, and food.

These guidelines can be applied flexibly to support the needs of individual students and their circumstances, even if they fall outside the above-mentioned application income and benefit criteria.

## Vulnerable Bursary (VB)

Please be aware that meeting these eligibility criteria does not guarantee an award, which depends on your individual financial needs.

If you are under 19 and:

- you're in or you recently left local authority care
- you get Income Support or Universal Credit because you're financially supporting yourself
- receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) because you are financially supporting yourself or financially supporting yourself and someone who is dependent on you and living with you, such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in your own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in your own right

then you may be eligible for the Vulnerable Bursary (VB).

You will receive support while you study, and the amount awarded will be based on your actual participation costs, meaning it will vary according to your individual circumstances. All bursary funding will be allocated following an assessment of verified need, and the College will submit validated claims directly to the Department for Education (DfE) at the set points throughout the year.

## Care to Learn (C2L)

From 6th October 2025, C2L applications and payments are managed by the College. We determine eligibility, confirm attendance, and pay directly to the childcare provider. The College will submit verified claims to DfE at set points throughout the year.

Maximum support (set nationally): up to £180 per child per week (outside of London), inclusive of eligible travel-to-childcare costs.



## 19+ Funding Options

### 19+ Adult Skills Fund (ASF) & Advanced Learner Loan students

DNCG receives funding for 2 types of adult bursaries:

- **19+ learner discretionary bursaries** for adult learners on DfE funded courses, which are awarded to meet individual need, for example, help with the cost of travel, meals, course materials and study trips
- **Advanced Learning Loan discretionary bursaries** for adult learners on courses funded by Advanced Learning Loans, which are awarded to meet individual need, for example, help with the cost of travel, course materials and study trips.

Awards and eligible costs are administered in line with the Advanced Learner Loans funding and performance management rules 2025-26.

Learner support is available to provide financial support for individuals with a specific financial hardship preventing them from taking part/continuing in learning.

Before support is awarded, a student's needs must be identified within the following 'categories':

- **Hardship funding** – general financial support for financially disadvantaged learners to support participation
- **20+ childcare funding** – for learners aged 20 or older on the first day of learning who are at risk of not starting or continuing learning because of childcare costs
- **Residential Access funding** – to support DfE funded ASF learners where they need to live away from home in order to access provision

We are unable to use learner support funds for any of the following:

- essential equipment or facilities if the learner is eligible to full funding. However, these learners can get support funding for childcare, transport and residential costs
- a learner in custody or released on temporary licence
- a learner carrying out a higher education course or learning aims fully funded from other sources
- to pay attendance allowances or achievement and attendance bonuses

### Hardship

Funds can be used for the following:

- course-related costs, including course trips, books and equipment (where costs are not included in the funding rate/tuition fee)
- support with domestic emergencies and emergency accommodation provided by others, or by providing items or services or cash direct to the learner, this can be in the form of a grant or repayable loan provided by you
- transport costs (but not make a block contribution to post-16 transport partnerships or routinely fund transport costs covered in the local authority's legal duty for learners of sixth-form age)
- examination fees
- accreditation fees, professional membership fees and any fees or charges due to external bodies
- your registration fees
- to support learners on a traineeship including the work placement element

In exceptional circumstances, you can use hardship funds to assist with course fees for learners who need financial support to start or stay in learning.

If an asylum seeker is eligible for provision, you may provide learner support in the form of course-related books, equipment, cash payments or a travel pass.

### 20+ childcare

You can only use childcare funding to pay for childcare with a childminder, provider or childminder agency, registered with Ofsted.

You must not use childcare funding to:

- fund informal childcare, such as that provided by a relative
- set up childcare places or to make a financial contribution to the costs of a crèche
- fund childcare for learners aged under 20 on the first day of learning; instead, you must direct them to the 'Care to Learn' programme

You must not use childcare for those aged 20 years or older to top up childcare payments for those receiving 'Care to Learn' payments.

## How to apply

**You need to complete an application form this can either be an online application or paper (available on request).**

You must:

- Provide evidence of all household income (see below for evidence)

Where incomplete applications are received, an email will be sent to the student informing them that they have additional things to do and that they will not be awarded any support at this time.

**Online Application:** <https://dncg.paymystudent.com/portal/>

You can complete the form online and upload evidence of your household income. Completing an online application is a quicker way to find out your eligibility. Once an assessment has been completed, you will be notified of a decision via email, both to your college email account and the personal email account attached to your student record.

**Paper Application:** available on request  
When a member of the Financial Support Team takes a student's paper application, they will check to make sure that all the documents needed have been provided as to not delay the assessment process.

Please note that paper-based applications could take longer to process. In most situations, it is not possible to make a decision immediately, in these such circumstance's decisions will be made as soon as possible (we will endeavour to do this within 20 working days) and notification will be sent out via email.

## Assessment & Evidence

Financial support is assessed against household income.

When making decisions about awarding Discretionary Learner Support Funds, we will consider the availability of other financial support for learners.

Awards can be made to students in the following circumstances:

- Students aged 16-18 living in a household with a net income of £60,000 or less per year.
- Students, who do not have their own income, must demonstrate how they are being financially supported. If they are living in a household, they are expected to provide evidence of the household income.
- If a student appears to be living on nil income, it is unlikely that they will be able to sustain themselves on the course. It is important that they seek advice about how they will support their day to day living costs while studying. It is beyond the scope of the fund to support students' living costs. When choosing to study, the individual needs to consider if they have made reasonable provision for their living costs, either through entitlement to benefits, employment or support from the household they are part of.

The following are accepted as proof of income and household circumstances for assessing applications for financial support:

- Current Universal Credit Notice (last 3 months Universal statements)
- Letter from Benefit Agency confirming receipt of benefit – dated from April 2025 showing amount being received
- Most recent wage slips (minimum of 2 monthly/3 fortnightly/4 weekly payslips)
- 2024/25 End of Year Tax Return for 24/25 if self-employed
- Other evidence may be requested to establish proof of income and household circumstances, this may include bank statements for all accounts held
- Council Tax Bill 2025/26
- Asylum Seekers are able to provide an ARC card or all pages of the Bail 201 form

Where possible please photocopy your evidence where you are submitting a paper application. Please note that bank statements will NOT be accepted as proof of benefits. Please be aware that if your application is incomplete for any reason, it may be returned to you and any payments you may be awarded will be delayed.

Evidence and decisions will be retained to satisfy DfE monitoring and audit.

We may take up to 20 working days to process your application. Once a decision has been made, we will notify you via your student email account. Please ask your tutor how to access this and remember to check it regularly.

Students under 19 and living at home and/or supported by parents/guardians are assessed against both their own and their parents'/guardians' income.

Students 19+ are normally assessed as independent students and household income is assessed on their own income, together with that of their spouse/partner if applicable. However, if a student has no income, household income will be based on the income of the person(s) on whom the student is dependent.

## Emergency Support

An emergency fund will be made available to provide financial support to students who need short term help or face crises such as providing a student with funds to get home. In these exceptional cases the fund use will be recorded on student records, however depending on circumstances, a full application may not be deemed necessary or appropriate.

## Appeals process

If you would like to make an appeal regarding your award you can do so by writing to the Customer Services & Financial Support Manager. Appeals will be reviewed by a senior post holder not directly involved in the original decision, wherever possible..

## What could I be eligible for?

	16-18 Vulnerable Bursary (VB)	16-19 Discretionary Bursary (DB)	19+ Discretionary Learner Support (DLS)	Advanced Learner Loan (ALB)
<b>Weekly payment**</b>	✓			
<b>Travel Allowance (see below)</b>	✓ 1 Miles +	✓ 1 Miles +	✓ 2 Miles +	✓ 2 Miles +
<b>Industry Placement (Support with travel and meals allowance)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Equipment* (Potential support for loan laptops)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Books</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Print Costs (one-off)</b>	£20 full-time / £10 part-time	£20 full-time / £10 part-time	£20 full-time / £10 part-time	£20 full-time / £10 part-time
<b>Stationery</b>	£30 (paid in 2 instalments, term 1 and term 2) for full-time or £10 (one off payment) for part-time	£30 (paid in 2 instalments, term 1 and term 2) for full-time or £10 (one off payment) for part-time	£30 (paid in 2 instalments, term 1 and term 2) for full-time or £10 (one off payment) for part-time	£30 (paid in 2 instalments, term 1 and term 2) for full-time or £10 (one off payment) for part-time
<b>Assistance with field trips/ educational visits which enhance the students learning -all trips must be approved by the Financial Assistance Committee.</b>	100% of approved trips (capped at £350)	100% of approved trips (capped at £350)	100% of approved trips (capped at £350)	100% of approved trips (capped at £350)
<b>College meals**</b>	£5.50 per day	£5.50 per day	£5.50 per day	£5.50 per day
<b>Help with course- associated costs such as UCAS fees</b>	£28.50	£28.50	£28.50	£28.50
<b>University/Open Day Visits</b>	✓ (up to 2 – maximum cost per visit £80)	✓ (up to 2 – maximum cost per visit £80)	✓ (up to 2 – maximum cost per visit £80)	✓ (up to 2 – maximum cost per visit £80)
<b>Childcare costs</b>	C2L (if you meet the eligibility criteria) you can apply through the college	C2L (if you meet the eligibility criteria) you can apply through the college	C2L (if you meet the eligibility criteria) you can apply through the college or DLS (if aged 20 or over - up to £50 per day)	C2L (if you meet the eligibility criteria) you can apply through the college or ALB (if aged 20 or over - up to £50 per day)
<b>Laptops</b>	Laptops may be available to loan throughout the year	Laptops may be available to loan throughout the year		

\*All equipment awarded to students will remain property of DN Colleges and will be claimed back at the end of each academic year.

\*\* During term-time only

\*\*\* Students are also able to apply for financial assistance as a top-up if the childcare costs exceed the weekly maximum rate of the Care to Learn scheme.

## Travel Costs

- Eligible students will be issued with the most cost-effective travel pass available. In most cases this will be an electronic annual bus ticket or travel pass. Exceptions to this will be considered individually. Travel costs will ordinarily be capped at £1000 pa for those who travel from outside the area and/ or unable to use the usual local public transports.
- Students aged 19+ who are using their own vehicle and live more than 2 miles from College, will be reimbursed at 35p per mile, this is capped at £7.00 a day.
- Payments may be stopped if student attendance falls below 90%.
- Where a student is studying on a part-time basis, any payments will be made on a pro-rata basis

Because the colleges local authorities are different (North Lincolnshire Council and Doncaster Council) age and regional travel variations apply.

### North Lindsey College (Full-time)

#### Students aged 16-18:

North Lincolnshire (1-2 miles from college)

If you are eligible for financial assistance, we will be able to support you with a weekly mega-rider.

Bus passes for North Lincolnshire residents cost £90 for the academic year or can be paid in three instalments of £30.

Bus passes for all other local areas outside of North Lincolnshire cost £400 for the academic year or can be paid in three instalments of £150 for term one and £125 for terms two and three\*.

\*Returning students who were issued a bus pass in 2024/25 who live outside of North Lincolnshire will be charged £150 for the academic year or can be paid in three instalments of £50.

#### Students aged 19 or over:

If you are eligible for financial assistance and living 2 miles from college you are eligible for 100% of the public transport costs up to the maximum outlined above.

### Doncaster College (Full-time)

#### Students aged 16-18:

- Where a student is aged 16 to 18 and they live in South Yorkshire (Doncaster/ Rotherham/Sheffield/Barnsley), their monthly payment is set at £32.00.
- Where a student does not live in South Yorkshire, evidence of their travel costs will be requested & support will be based on individual costs.
- All the above payments are based on the student studying full-time.

#### Students aged 19 or over:

- Where a student is aged 19 to 21 and they live in South Yorkshire (Doncaster/ Rotherham/Sheffield/Barnsley), their monthly payment is set at £58.64.
- Where a student is aged 22 and above and they live in South Yorkshire as above, their monthly payment is set at £65.00.
- Where a student does not live in South Yorkshire, evidence of their travel costs will be requested & support will be based on individual costs.
- All the above payments are based on the student studying full-time.

## Meal Allowance

**Daily Meal Allowance** – this will be uploaded to a student's cashless catering account to allow them to use the facilities in College. For those students who are studying off campus (e.g. Club Doncaster or HESTA) and no facilities have been arranged then students will be paid an allowance equivalent to 3 days into their bank account, this payment will be paid weekly.

**Meal Vouchers** – these can be used within the college catering facilities. The College may issue meal vouchers whilst your application is being assessed or for emergency support. Please note that being awarded meal vouchers does not guarantee that you will continue to receive support throughout the year as this will be dependent on your household assessment.

Meal allowance is to support full-time students or students with an Asylum Seeker status.

# Higher Education Support

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## Short Term Loan (Bridging Loan)

This fund is available to Higher Education Students who find they are not going to receive their student finance on time. The loan is designed to help students in financial hardship in the interim until your student finance comes through.

**Award:** Up to £500

**How to apply:** Please contact a member of the Financial Support Team to discuss your situation and request an application.

## Access to Learning Fund (ALF)

This fund is open to both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students who have 'home' fee status and is in place to help students experiencing financial hardship. In addition to having 'home' fee status, students applying for support must be able to evidence that they have applied for/are in receipt of the full support available to them through Student Finance England, i.e. maintenance loan, tuition fee loan, etc. Students who choose not to accept any source of funding available to them will not be eligible to apply for support through the Access to Learning Fund.

**Award:** Up to £1000 paid in three instalments throughout the year, based on attendance and progression.

**How to apply:** If you are currently enrolled and attending the University, you can access the application form by using the link below. The fund is available from 06/10/2025 to 29/06/2026, subject to available funds.

## Low Income Bursary

The Low-Income Bursary is our commitment to help eligible first-year students from households with an annual income below £25,000 who live in eligible postcode areas. If demand exceeds the supply of bursaries, a further filter of those studying a STEM subject or those who have studied a previous Level 3 course with DNCG will be applied. It is a non-repayable £500 one-off payment that will be linked to academic progression and retention throughout the year. Where possible, the Financial Support Team will check your details against the Student Loans Company information to ensure you are in receipt of a student loan. However, if you haven't agreed to share this information with us, we will require you to provide your SFE Award letter.

**Award:** £500 one-off payment in March 2026.

**How to apply:** From 01/12/2025, application forms will be sent to students identified as being enrolled on an eligible course and living in a qualifying postcode area. The fund will open on 01/12/2025 and close on 06/02/2026. You can make an application within this time, provided you are enrolled and currently attending.

## Care Experienced Bursary

Our Care Experienced Bursary offers a one-off £500 payment to registered students aged 16-25 who are currently in, or have previously been in, the care of a Local Authority for any length of time and at any stage in their life. This includes adopted children who were previously in care.

**Award:** £500 one-off payment.

**How to apply:** If you are currently enrolled and attending the University, you can access the application form by using the link below. The fund is available from 06/10/2025 to 29/06/2026, subject to available funds.

## Lincolnshire and Yorkshire & Humber Institute of Technologies (IoT) Quickline Bursary

IoT training providers have comprehensive support services for students including mental health, mentoring, financial, broad pastoral, and academic services and the purpose of this bursary is to complement this support and remove the barriers to Under-represented Groups (URG) enrolling, attending and achieving their higher-level technical qualifications and moving into employment.

- You must be enrolled as a student of the Lincolnshire or the Yorkshire and the Humber Institute of Technologies
- Reside in an eligible postcode area
- Study on an IoT course at Level 4/5
- If there is a low number of eligible students' further criteria will be added, and additional applications may be accepted from Level 3 and 6 students.

**Award:** Up to £1000 depending on your financial need.

**How to apply:** From the 6/10/2025, application forms will be sent to students identified as being enrolled on an eligible course and living in a qualifying postcode area. The fund will open on 06/10/2025 and close on 29/06/2026. You can make an application within this time, provided you are enrolled and currently attending.

## Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Bursary (Department of Education)

Aimed at PGCE students, studying to work in FE. ITE bursaries are only available for the following subjects; Computing, Engineering or manufacturing, Mathematics, Science, English (capped at 100 places) Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) A trainee must:

- be eligible to receive student support
- have achieved a standard equivalent to GCSE grade 4 (C) or above in English and mathematics, and at least a level 3 qualification in their subject of teacher training, or have relevant professional experience
- be taking a qualifying pre-service ITE course in England
- More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-initial-teacher-training-2025-to-2026-funding-guidance>

**How to apply:** Please contact a member of the Financial Support Team to discuss your situation and request an application.

## Appeals

If you would like to make an appeal regarding your award you can do so by writing to the Director of Student Services, DN Colleges.

## Overview

Fund	Maximum Award	How to apply
<b>Access to Learning Fund (ALF)</b>	Up to £1000 paid in three instalments throughout the year, based on attendance and progression.	Application forms are available via the website and are available from 06/10/2025 until 29/06/2026. <a href="https://ucnl.ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help/">https://ucnl.ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help/</a>
<b>Short-Term Loan</b>	Up to £500	Please contact a member of the team to check your eligibility.
<b>Low Income Bursary</b>	£500 one-off payment	Application forms will be available via the website from 01/12/2025 <a href="https://ucnl.ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help/">https://ucnl.ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help/</a>
<b>Care Experienced Bursary</b>	£500 one-off payment	Application forms are available via the website and are available from 06/10/2025 until 29/06/2026 <a href="https://ucnl.ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help/">https://ucnl.ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help/</a>
<b>Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Bursary (Department of Education)</b>	Up to £30,000	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-initial-teacher-training-2025-to-2026-funding-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-initial-teacher-training-2025-to-2026-funding-guidance</a>

## Contact Info

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