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The Bursary Fund

Financial help for students 2020 / 2021

Godalming College has a Bursary Fund aimed at supporting students in financial need. The purpose of the fund is to assist students:

- who may have difficulties in completing their course because of financial considerations
- with unforeseen emergencies where completion of the course could be jeopardised by financial constraints
- with direct costs of study such as transport, books, equipment, exam resits, essential field trips, university interviews and open days

If you are worried about any financial aspect of your course, we will of course consider your application.

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Bursary Fund you must:

1. be aged 16, and under 19, on 31 August 2020
2. be an enrolled student as defined by the College.

Discretionary Awards Bursary: this is a discretionary bursary aimed at helping students in ways that best fit the needs and circumstances of the individual student. Such awards are targeted at those students who face the greatest financial barriers to participation, such as the costs of transport, meals, books and equipment. To qualify the student must have a household income of less than £26,000 per annum **and** have an actual financial need. You will be required to complete an application form and submit evidence of household income, usually copies of your last three Universal Credit monthly award notices.

We have three payment levels depending on your annual household income, as follows:

Annual Household Income	Award	Financial Assistance
up to £21,000 p.a.	Full Award - 100% of the cost of:	For example, train/bus fares, books, equipment, essential field trips
between £21,001 - £23,500 p.a.	Partial Award - 70% of the cost of:	
between £23,501 - £26,000 p.a.	Partial Award - 50% of the cost of:	

If your application is successful, the level of award and what the award is for will be confirmed to you in writing. To claim your award, you will need to submit the used train/bus tickets, receipts for books purchased etc. to the Bursary Office when convenient and you will then be reimbursed into the bank account specified on your application form.

Free School Meals: The College operates a FSM scheme. If you qualify you will be entitled to up to £3.50 a day of food and drink from the College's catering facilities. To qualify you should be in receipt of one 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by the HMRC); Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit; Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

The Vulnerable Student Groups Bursary:

A cash bursary of £1,200 a year is available for students in the following four defined vulnerable groups:

- in care;
- care leavers;
- receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner;
- receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right.

Application Form:

You can either download an application form from our website

<http://www.godalming.ac.uk/applying/financial-help> or telephone College, details below, for an application form.

NOT SURE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY?
PLEASE CONTACT US - WE WELCOME ENQUIRIES
Telephone Val Jones, Senior Administrator, Bursary Fund
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