

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### 16-18 YEAR OLDS

If you are an FE student aged between 16 and 18 when you start your course the tuition and exam fees are free.

If your household income is less than £26,000, you may be entitled to financial assistance to help with:

- Meals
- Travel (based on individual circumstances and travel distance of over 2 miles)
- Exam /UCAS/Accreditation Fees
- Interviews, trips, books/uniform and equipment
- DBS (fully funded courses only)
- Cash payments for any other hardship costs that are impacting on your learning and ability to achieve your qualification.

Anything that is essential for your course will be provided to you by the College.

You can also apply if:

- Aged 19- 25 and have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- You are 19+ and continuing on a study programme you began aged 16-18
- You are an Asylum Seeker aged 16 - 18

To be eligible you must:

- Be classed as a “Home Student”, have been a resident in the UK/EU for more than 3 years
- Not be repeating the same course or a course at the same or lower level
- Be on a full time course at least 12 guided learning hours per week

**Please note:** You need to be fully enrolled to be able to claim a financial assistance award and must have a minimum of 85% attendance in order to receive payment.