

Students who meet any of the criteria listed in Level 1 to 3 below are encouraged to apply for the 16-19 bursary. Payments will be made termly, directly to the student and should be used to directly support their education. If a student does not have bank account in their own name, they are encouraged to organise this as soon as possible; the Post 16 team are available to offer support if needed. Once all applications have been received and matched to the criteria, students will then receive confirmation of their entitlement; unless they fall into the level 1 criteria when the level of support available is a fixed.

## Eligibility

### Any student applying for bursary must be:

- Under 19 years of age on 31 August in the academic year in which they start their programme of study and must satisfy the Education Funding Agency residency criteria.
- Participating in full time education at North Birmingham Academy (deductions may be made for students with unauthorised or extended absences from their education)
- Students must meet criteria outlined in levels 1, 2 or 3 below.

### Students are expected to:

- Achieve a minimum of 95% attendance or above and no more than 10% late marks.
- Make their expected levels of progress against targets and/or good to outstanding effort.
- Adhere to all areas of the student Code of Conduct.

**There are three levels of payment each with separate criteria.** Students who fall outside the listed criteria due to special family circumstances can still apply for assistance and a decision will be made by North Birmingham Academy.

### Level One:

Young people in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of Income Support (or Universal Credit) in their own name and disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) are eligible. £1,200 per year (£400 per term)

### Level Two:

Students who are eligible for free school meals.

### Level Three:

Students whose total family income is not in excess of £25,000 are eligible. Students who have an identifiable financial need or are experiencing financial difficulties may also apply. ***Students in this group will be considered for funding based on their financial need and North Birmingham Academy's available funding.*** If financial circumstances change during the academic year then applications can be made at any time.

### How do I apply?

- Complete a bursary application which will be handed to all Post 16 students at the beginning of the academic year.
- Hand in the application with proof of income by 15 September. (Applications can be accepted due to special circumstances or changes of circumstances throughout the year.)
- Further copies can be requested from the Post 16 Centre Manager.

Once all applications are received North Birmingham Academy will establish the number of students who have applied for financial support, and then match it to the funding criteria.

**What is Bursary funding to be used for?**

- Bus passes to travel to the Academy.
- Support for travel to University open days, interviews, etc.
- Enrichment programmes related to your Post 16 studies.
- Reference material, books, stationery or specialist equipment to support your studies.
- Funding for Business dress for interviews or Academy wear.
- Any other cost directly linked to your Post 16 studies.