

North Oxfordshire Academy Sixth Form

16-19 Bursary Statement

2024-25

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help North Oxfordshire Academy sixth form students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education. The fund is made available from the government through its funding body – Education Funding Agency (EFA).

All sixth form students who meet residency, course and age criteria are eligible to apply for the discretionary bursary and will be assessed on an individual basis (see Bursary Guidance document on our website), with household income considered as well as their financial need. Students are required to complete an online application form which will need supporting evidence of their household income, plus details of their financial need.

There are two types of bursaries available – a vulnerable bursary and a discretionary bursary.

Vulnerable Bursary

Students who are in one or more of the groups below can apply for a vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200.

The defined vulnerable groups are students who are:

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or 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

Discretionary Bursary

The discretionary bursary is dependent on household income and is intended to remove individual barriers to participation. It can help with any costs students face throughout the academic year and include the following:

- Transport
- Dress code
- Books/ Equipment and other course-related costs
- Educational trips and visits
- Attending university interviews and open days
- Any other educational expenses

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Payments

Payments for the vulnerable bursary will be made directly into the students' account from the EFA. The discretionary bursary will be paid directly by BACs payment into the student's account; there will be two payments made per academic year.

To qualify for the bursary you must be enrolled on a full time course and payments will only be made on the basis of full attendance, good timekeeping, satisfactory completion of work and full compliance with the Sixth Form Standards at NOA.

Evidence

Evidence can be uploaded at the time of application online, but can also be given to the sixth form administrator within a week of application; these must be original documents which will be photocopied.

Transport

Whilst the bursary can be used for transport costs, it does not replace the statutory transport duty local authorities have. Further information on Oxfordshire Council's 16-19 travel policy can be found [here](#).

We open the bursary applications twice a year (term 1 and term 3) - If students have already applied the previous year, they will not need to apply again for the following year.

Appeals

Students and parents have the right to appeal against any decision made. Appeals should be made in writing to the Head Teacher with full details and evidence.

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