

16-19 Bursary Overview:

Students must apply to Rivers Sixth Form through Angela Mahoney (Finance). And can do so once they know where they will study, after GCSE Results Day.

There are 2 bursaries for Sixth Formers:

Vulnerable Bursary which gets paid directly to the student by the school. Students can get a bursary worth up to £1,200, depending on their circumstances and benefits

They could get up to £1,200, if at least one of the following applies:

- In or recently left local authority care
- They get Income Support or Universal Credit because they financially supporting themselves
- They may get the full amount if they have expenses and study full-time on a course of at least 30 weeks.
- They'll usually get less than the full amount, or no bursary, if one of the following apply: course is shorter than 30 weeks, study part time, you have few expenses.

Discretionary Bursary for those who wouldn't qualify for the Vulnerable Bursary but may need some help. (This year, some examples are a PPI student with transport to school and a Young Carer with dance lessons and books. The school decides how much the student gets and what it is used for.

The discretionary is paid from the funding we receive directly from ESFA, the vulnerable has to be applied for by the school. What is the bursary used for: clothing, books and other equipment for your course, transport to and from school, lunches, or other agreed upon support for the students day to day or future planning. If students are over 19, they will only be eligible for a discretionary bursary.

Schools will have our own criteria and look at individual circumstances, including family income. We tend to ask for proof of income and any government support they get. AMA can help provide students with the criteria and any evidence they need.

How the bursary is paid:

The school will decide how students get the bursary, whether paid in full or in instalments, paid in cash, by cheque or through a bank account, or given things like a travel pass, free meals or books instead of money. Some schools offer one-off payments to help with study trips or travel for university interviews.

Payments can be stopped if students break rules such as poor attendance or using the bursary payments for things not discussed.

For more information to see who is eligible or how to claim:

<https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/how-to-claim>