

For full-time & part-time students on further education funded courses

Please read this document in full before completing your application for financial support. If you need assistance please contact us on: **01539 814700** or **bursary@kendal.ac.uk**

Overview

The College administers the following government funding which is public money: Bursary Fund (16-18 year olds); Learner Support Fund (19+ students on L1, 2 & 3* courses (*if entitled to a fee waiver)) and Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund (19+ students on level 3/4/5/6 courses who have taken out a loan to cover their fees).

These funds can help students with the costs of coming to College. The College has a duty to make sure that the funds are awarded fairly to the students in most need.

This assistance is conditional on student attendance and behaviour at College.

Change of details

Student Services must be notified immediately of any changes to your details, this may include your bank account, address or withdrawal from a course.

Deadline

Applications submitted before Wednesday 12th August 2026 will be guaranteed to receive a minimum level of support, subject to eligibility. Further support will be dependent on the availability of funds. Applications can be submitted after this date, but will be dependent on remaining funds available. Money will be kept aside for part-time students who can apply at the beginning of their course.

Impact on other benefits

16-18 Bursary Fund

Support through this fund will not affect entitlement to any DWP income related benefits.

If you (the student) are in receipt of DLA, ESA, PIP or Universal Credit, parents can no longer receive child benefit

19+ Funds

It is your responsibility to tell DWP about any support you receive as it may affect eligibility for some benefits.

Eligibility

You must be classed as a permanent UK resident and have settled status and be on a funded full-time or part-time course. These funds are not available to waged apprentices or HE students (there are other funds for Higher Education students, please contact Student Services for more information).

The funds are for students in a low income household and in financial hardship. Income thresholds determine how funds are allocated. If your household income is less than £35,000 you may be eligible (under £45,000 for travel costs). We can take individual circumstances into account, please contact us to discuss.

Additional requests

If you would like to apply for additional items during your course, please see Student Services.

Back-dated payments

Applications received before the October half-term may have payments calculated from the start of the course if funding allows. Applications received after this date will only be assessed from the date received and no backdated payments can be awarded.

Outcome

Confirmation of the outcome will be sent to you via post within 3 weeks of processing. If you make any future "additional" requests we will email you on your college email account. Please check your emails regularly.

Appeals

Appeals against decisions will be referred to the Principal.

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Meals

You will receive a QR code to show at the cafe.



Bus passes and meal cards

Bus passes and meal cards can be collected from Student Services. If you apply before Wednesday 12th August 2026, you can collect your bus pass and/or meal card on your enrollment day or during the first week of your course.



Fuel payments

Fuel payments are made at 45p per mile. In order to claim this you must live more than 1.5 miles from college, or from the nearest bus stop.



Laptops

Laptops are available to loan from the college. Please note: if laptops are not returned an invoice will be sent to you to cover the cost of replacement.



Childcare

Your childcare provider will have to complete an application form, these are available from Student Services.



College trips

Up to a £350 contribution is available for college trips. Support is available through the Learning Centre to help you access a part-time job to fund the remaining costs.



Support with housing

For students who are homeless or living in supported housing, set-up costs for basic household items can be applied for.



Equipment & uniform

You can apply for support towards the cost of the uniform and equipment that is essential for your course. Contributions will be made into your bank account for you to place the order with the supplier yourself. We will require receipts for any items purchased.



Payments

If due, payments are made directly into your bank account on the 19th and last day of each month. Term 2 & 3 fuel payments are paid on the last day of January & April.