

The Thomas Adams Sixth Form Financial Support

The 16-19 Bursary Funds are used to assist students who may have difficulties attending or completing a course due to financial considerations

The 16 -19 Bursary Fund has two elements:

1. **Vulnerable Student Bursary:** Young people in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit and disabled young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments will be eligible to receive a Bursary of £1,200 a year.
2. **Discretionary Bursary:** Schools can use their discretion to make awards to young people in ways that best fit the needs and circumstances of their students. Discretionary Bursary awards should be targeted towards young people facing financial barriers to participation, such as the costs of transport, books and equipment.

Applications from students in the priority categories will be considered first and, once their applications have been met, should there be any remaining funds these will be distributed accordingly.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for the Bursary and Hardship Funds?

- Any student over 16yrs old who is enrolled on a two-year A level / A level equivalent course at The Thomas Adams Sixth Form.
- Students that have been 'ordinarily resident' in the British Isles or European Union for purposes other than education for the last three years.
- To be eligible for the Discretionary Bursary (16-18 year olds) the household income must sit in any of the following three bands:
 1. **Band 1- annual household income of £16,190 or less. These students receive a contribution towards the cost of a bus pass if they live over 2 miles from college, payment for educational visits during the year, equipment, a contribution towards exam re-sits, and reimbursement of the cost of visiting university open days or interviews.**
 2. **Band 2 – annual household income between £16,190 and £20,817. These students receive the same allowances and contributions as Band 1 – but smaller contributions towards bus travel, educational visits and equipment.**
 3. **Band 3 – annual household income between £20,817 and £25,521. These students receive a contribution towards the cost of a bus pass and/or equipment if they live over 2 miles from college.**
- To be eligible for the Vulnerable Student Bursary of £1,200 students must be aged 16-18 and either be in care, a care leaver, in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit, or be disabled and in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

Completing the application form?

Please contact Liam Allen for an application form lja@thomasadams.net

In the event of a financial query contact our Business Manager, on 01939 237000.

When do I have to return the form?

Funds are limited. Whilst we will accept applications throughout the academic year, the initial deadline is **the end of September. This process must be completed each year of your studies to release funding.**