

The Vulnerable Bursary is an amount of money students in vulnerable groups are entitled to. They get up to £1,200 a year. Social workers are required to apply for this through the educational provider, as well as provide evidence of the young person's care status.

The Vulnerable Bursary should be used towards the advancement of a young person's education.

It should be tailored towards their needs and strengths.

Carers should be aware of how this money is spent.

Trips linked to their educational development

Laptop

Clothing or equipment linked to their course.

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**For Foster Carers &
their Social Workers**



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Each institution will have their Bursary Policy/Statement available. Do ask for a copy. Talk to someone if you have further questions.

Payment systems vary from institution to institution. The guidance asks them to avoid cash wherever possible. They may offer travel passes, books, equipment etc. If cash is paid, the guidance recommends spreading out the payments. The money should go into the young person's bank account.



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Your young person should be asked to sign an agreement with their institution so that they know exactly how much they are getting, when and what the conditions are. Check that your young person has a copy and/or that they are clear about expectations.

Government guidance states that:

Institutions must ensure they assess the needs of individual students when awarding bursary funding.

Institutions may decide a young person does not have any actual financial need or not need the full amount.

Institutions should make payments conditional on the student meeting agreed standards of attendance and behaviour.

Institutions should always ensure students and their families know who they should contact if they have any queries about payments.

The full statutory guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2019-to-2020-academic-year>

The Vulnerable Bursary should not be used for any purchases that do not aid the student in their academic progress.

Transport to and from establishment

Designer Trainers!

Out of school activities

Mobile phones!

Remember payment is conditional on the agreement signed by your young person. If you have concerns around this, contact their Social Worker.