

16–19 Bursary Fund Transport Application Guidance (2026-2027)

The 16-19 Bursary is awarded to eligible students to provide support towards the cost of transport and other course-related costs. The payment of the Bursary award is subject to DfE guidance and Durham Sixth Form Centre's Bursary Policy which can be accessed via:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-bursary-fund-provider-guide/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2026-to-2027>
- <https://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/financial-support/>

The guidance below will help you complete the application form and identify which Bursary you may be eligible to apply for. Bursary payments are only made if students' attendance and behaviour meet the required standard and they remain at Durham Sixth Form Centre. **If your attendance falls below 90% your payment may be reduced.**

Eligibility Criteria

- Aged 16–18 on 31 August 2026.
- Aged 19+ only if continuing a course started aged 16–18 or with an EHCP.
- Students aged 16 or under are only eligible to receive a discretionary bursary in exceptional circumstances; where a student is following an accelerated study programme.
- UK resident or with legal right to reside in the UK.

Discretionary Bursary - Transport

Eligibility based on taxable household income and family size:

- You are an only child in a household with a total taxable income of £30,500 per year or less.
- You have siblings aged 16 or less in a household with a total taxable income of £32,000 per year or less.
- You have a sibling who also attends Durham Sixth Form Centre in a household with a total taxable income of £33,500 per year or less.

Award based on distance (via AA Route Planner):

- Zone 1 (0–2.99 miles): £525/year (£175/term)
- Zone 2 (3–4.99 miles): £600/year (£200/term)
- Zone 3 (5–6.99 miles): £660/year (£220/term)
- Zone 4 (7+ miles): £750/year (£250/term)

Evidence

The following list shows examples of the evidence you can provide of total taxable household income.

You will need to provide evidence of taxable income for all adult householders.

Evidence can be submitted in person, or via email to: bursary@durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk

- P60's for the whole household & Child Tax Credit Statement
- 3 months of Wage slips for whole household & Child Tax Credit Statement
- Self Employed Earnings (official tax return) APR25 & Child Tax Credit Statement
- Other Benefits / Pension (award Letter) & Child Tax Credit Statement

For Sole Parents or Carers:

Please provide a copy of your Council Tax Bill to evidence you are claiming single person discount.

If you have any queries regarding the evidence you can provide please email finance@durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk