

Bursary Fund Application Form and Further Education Free Meals 2026/2027



Date Application Received

Bursary Criteria:

To qualify you must be aged 16 or over and under 19 on 31 August 2026 and meet the ESFA's residency criteria and Wyke 6th Form College must be your main education provider. If you are 19 or older you may be eligible if you are continuing a course from last year. If you are 19 or older starting a new course, you are not eligible for this bursary unless you have an EHCP. Please contact the College directly about possible alternative Financial Support options.

Wyke ensures confidentiality for all students related to bursary applications. Please see our website for our Privacy Notice

[Data Protection Policy](#)

Learner Details		Student Number	
First Name:		Surname:	
Which of the following best describes your current residency status?		1. I have UK citizenship- British passport/birth certificate	☐
I have Indefinite Leave to Remain	☐	I am a refugee or have humanitarian protection	☐
I have status under the EU Settlement Scheme	☐	I am an asylum seeker aged 16–18/ supported by the LA	☐
Date of Birth	Age on 31 st August 2026: (You must be 16, 17,18 on 31 st August 2026 to apply. If you are 19 or older you may be eligible if you are continuing a course from last year)		
Address this must be your main household address where you live.			
Postcode:		Mobile number:	
Students Email:			
Please list all the residents in your household and their relationship to you:			
Full Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to student	
Parent/Guardian Name			
Parent/Guardian Email Address			

Bursary for Vulnerable Groups Criteria: to qualify YOU (THE STUDENT) must fall into one of the below categories and produce the required evidence as stated. Please circle the boxes that apply to you. If this is not applicable please go to page 2.

1. Are you (the student) in receipt of Universal Credit because you (the student) support yourself or support someone dependent on you?	☐		
If YES , evidence required i.e. Universal Credit Statement plus additional documents confirming independent status such as a tenancy agreement in your name with utility bills, evidence of receiving child benefit. We cannot assess eligibility for this bursary without all of these documents.			
2. Are you a Care Leaver or currently looked after in care? If YES evidence required - letter from Local Authority confirming status	☐		
3. Are you a Disabled student in receipt of both: a) Universal Credit and b) Personal Independence Payment If YES, evidence required for both (a) and (b)	☐		
I am a student living independently who does not qualify for the vulnerable bursary and I have provided a covering letter fully explaining my circumstances, <i>please note your application will be assessed for the Discretionary bursary</i>	☐		
Please indicate how you would like your Vulnerable /Discretionary Bursary to be provided.			
Travel pass for the year to use on College EYB buses and minibuses	☐	and or Meals allowance	☐
<i>Please select both, if both required</i>			

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Government funded Free Meals criteria:

To determine if you are eligible for government funded free meals, you or your parent (s)/ guardian (s) must be in receipt of Universal Credits. You must provide supporting evidence of Universal Credit as detailed below:.

Please note: Transitional protections for free meals are ending at the end of the 2025/2026 academic year. To receive free meals from the start of the 2026/27 academic year, students (or their families) must meet the eligibility criteria of either Government funded free meals or the discretionary bursary.

Discretionary Bursary Award Criteria:

To determine if you are eligible for the discretionary bursary your TOTAL* Household income must not exceed £36,000 per annum. You must provide supporting evidence of TOTAL* household income as detailed below:

Please tick the boxes that apply to you and attach a copy of the evidence required

Evidence Type	Evidence Required	
Universal Credit Please see useful information on how to download your statements. Screenshots of statements will not be accepted.	3 x most recent monthly Universal Credit statements – full statement not just payment amounts	☐
Earning as an employee (not in receipt of Universal Credit)	Most recent P60 and latest 3 months' pay slips Plus a signed declaration confirming that you are not in receipt of Universal Credit.	☐
Self-employed	Most recent Official Tax Return plus, 3 x most recent Universal Credit statements – full statements required, not just payment amounts (if in receipt of this) or a signed declaration confirming that you are not in receipt of Universal Credit.	☐

**Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance, Child Benefit and DLA (Disability Living Allowance) are disregarded as income for the purposes of eligibility for College awards.*

Pension Income -State or Private	3 x most recent monthly statements	☐
Savings or investments exceeding £10,000	Value on income as at 5th April 2026	£

The amount of financial assistance you will receive depends on your individual circumstances. It is intended to help you with the costs of overcoming any financial barriers you may have when attending learning. Wyke 6th Form College will assess essential items, which are identified as being necessary for your individual study program, and provide these through the bursary, and this will be managed through ParentPay. You will automatically receive these essential items unless you indicate otherwise.

Any financial support provided through the Discretionary Award will initially take the form of:-

Tier 1 – total household income less than £27,000 both a travel pass and meal allowance for use in College if you do not already qualify for government free school meals. Please specify if travel is not required.

Tier 2 – total household income more than £27,001 but less than £36,000 either a travel pass or meal allowance for use in College, if you do not already qualify for government free school meals. You must indicate which would be most beneficial to you, should your application be successful. Failure to do so will lead to a delay in receiving the award. Students living in the Hull travel zone do not need a bus pass to travel and can pay cash or contactless card payment each way on the bus. Students travelling within this zone should consider choosing a meal allowance dependent on circumstances.

Travel pass for the year to use on College EYB buses and minibuses	☐	<u>and/or</u> Meal allowance	☐
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Essential items are provided through the discretionary award and will be provided by crediting items on Parentpay & ordering via a form which will be sent to students emails once enrolment is complete available from Sept to October half term after that date, we offer refunds for items purchased outside of Parentpay.

LEARNER DECLARATION & BURSARY FUND AGREEMENT

I declare that the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I will supply any additional information required to verify the information given. I understand that if I refuse to provide the information requested my application will not be accepted and processed.

I have made this claim for bursary support, fully aware that any false statements can lead to withdrawal/refusal of any financial support. I am aware that the College in the event of any overpayment will stop any future payments and seek repayment of anything paid to date. Please note: the matter may also be referred to the police with the possibility of the student and/or their family facing prosecution.

When changes to my household financial circumstances occur (which may result in changes to my claim), I confirm I will notify Wyke College immediately.

I understand that the support that I receive under the Bursary Scheme will be provided on condition of standards of attendance and behaviour, as explained in the Financial Support Policy Statement. I will attend regularly and complete the course for which my bursary is supporting me. Please note: Students are expected to achieve attendance of 95% and above to maintain any assistance awarded – the bursary support may be adjusted to take account of less than full attendance.

Please be aware if you do not complete your full programme, you may be asked to repay some of the award.

I am clear that the bursary support I receive is to provide me with means to remain in learning and is used for essential items such as books, equipment, travel costs, meals. All support will be in-kind and the bursary will not cover general household incomes/general living costs or support extra-curricular activities where these are not essential to the students' study programme goals and course objectives.

All students who are in receipt of any of the 16 - 19 Bursary awards must activate their ParentPay account in order to ensure that they receive all of the support, and that information can be shared with other organisations outside of the college.

Awards are dependent on meeting residency criteria set by the Education Skills Funding Agency and evidence must have been provided to the College if needed before any applications can be awarded successfully.

I understand I have the right to appeal if I disagree with the outcome of my bursary application.

*I confirm I have read the learner declaration & bursary fund agreement. I am submitting my application without a signature electronically;
I confirm that by emailing my application (email to bursaryapplications@wyke.ac.uk) I accept all above conditions.*

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Travel passes and meal allowances will only be in place for the start of the academic year for those applications that are received by the 31st July 2026 with all the correct supporting evidence.

Useful information

Screenshots of statements will not be accepted.

How do I contact HMRC by phone? the main telephone number is the Tax Credit Helpline: 0345 300 3900.

How Can I Download My Universal Credit? to download your UC statements, log-in to your Universal Credit account and go to the statement summary page. If you click into the statement, it will come up on the screen.

You can then "Print to PDF"/"Save as PDF". Simply attach the statement (s) to an email and send them to us at bursaryapplications@wyke.ac.uk

If your application is approved, you will receive email confirmation within 10 working days advising you when you should expect to receive your award and how it will be made available to you. (Please note that if you apply prior to 31st July, your application will be acknowledged but the 10 working day processing

What the bursary fund cannot be used for?

Support extra-curricular activities where these are not essential to the students' study programme goals and course objectives, support general household

Support the costs of foreign/overseas field trips and/or to support the costs of field trips that are not an essential part of a student's study programme goals/qualification/s or course objectives

Reimbursements for travel to open days or University interviews - you can apply to the financial support fund through the student's tutor if you are struggling

End of Form