

16-18 Support

Hardship Bursary

Full-time students aged 16-18 with a household income below £32,000 **may** be eligible for a hardship payment. The fund is finite and available funds are distributed according to the number of applicants and household income. ***Applications and subsequent evidence should be received by the Access Fund Office no later than the deadlines stated below;***

Payment 1	Thursday 20 th January 2022	Payment 2	Thursday 5 th May 2022
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Vulnerable Bursary

Students in care, care leavers, receiving Income Support or Universal Credit, financially supporting themselves or receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right may be eligible to receive financial support with their studies. The financial support will be used to support travel and any additional costs such as equipment and uniform. ***Applications and subsequent evidence should be received by the Access Fund Office no later than the deadlines stated below;***

Payment 1	Thursday 11 th November 2021	Payment 2	Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Payment 3	Thursday 5 th May 2022
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Travel

Students may be eligible to apply for a bus pass. Support is provided to allow students who satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in the policy and **live at least 3 miles*** from the College (term time College hours only).

Travel is provided and operated primarily by Arriva or Go North East. You must check that you do live at least 3 miles from College and you must select the bus company of your choice which operates the most direct and suitable route to enable you to travel to/from College. Students can't have Go North East and Arriva passes. Upon applying for a bus pass please do not make multiple applications as this will delay issue.

To apply for a travel pass, go to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk.

It is possible to top your pass up with Arriva so that you can travel outside of College hours and at weekends, you must contact Arriva to make these arrangements and there will be a monthly cost to you. There is no top up arrangement with GNE.

Please note that the College will not refund any travel expenses incurred whilst awaiting delivery of the travel pass, therefore we encourage early application.

Arriva passes will be distributed via College either through prior arranged collection or via post.

Go North East will now be electronic you will need to download the GNE app to the student mobile phone. Please ensure email on the app is the email on the application form to the college. The link for the app is [Download the Go North East app - Go North East](#)

Please note if an Arriva pass is lost or stolen contact Access Fund Office initially or for all other queries 0191 5204144.

For queries for Go North East please contact 0191 420 5050

Free Meals

The College will provide free meals (value limited £3.00 per day) to students enrolled on a full-time course, aged 16-18 or between 19 and 25 with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the policy. ***This will generally apply to students previously in receipt of free school meals.***

To receive support for the free meals scheme the student, or their parent/guardian, must submit an application to the Access Fund Office with the appropriate evidence.

Childcare (16-19)

Students aged 16-19 may be eligible to apply for the Government's 'Care to Learn' scheme. If you are a parent (mother or father) and you are caring for your own child(ren) and you use an Ofsted-registered childcare provider. For further information go to www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn or contact ASC (Advice, Support, Careers)

19 Plus Support

Bursary

Full-time students aged 19 and above on the 31st August 2021 with a household income below £32,000 **may** be eligible for a cash payment, distributed in two payments. This fund is finite, and the available funds will be distributed according to the number of applicants and based on household income, who meet the scheme criteria.

Applications and subsequent evidence should be received by the Access Fund Office no later than the deadlines stated below;

Payment 1	Thursday 20 th January 2022	Payment 2	Thursday 5 th May 2022
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Travel

If you are successful with your 19 plus scheme application and **live at least 3 miles*** from College, you will qualify for travel support. New College Durham will reimburse the cost of your bus tickets on production of receipts for your journey to and from College up to a maximum value per term up to the value of either a termly bus pass or the total cost of an annual bus pass whichever is most cost effective for the College. (**See Further Education Access Fund policy**).

Free Meals

If you are successful with your 19 plus scheme application New College Durham will seek to provide a free meal (value limited) on the days of study. To access this, benefit the student must have registered on the Biometric System in the Curriculum Information Services Office on Orange Ground Floor.

Childcare (20 plus)

If you are aged 20 and above on the 31st August 2021 with a household income below £32,000 you may be eligible for support towards your childcare costs. ***To be considered for this support, students need to submit an application form to the Access Fund Office with the appropriate evidence.***

NB There is no entitlement to Bursary, Travel or Childcare support and each application will be assessed on a first come first served basis. Support will only be provided whilst funds are available and early application is encouraged.

For further guidance/assistance please contact the Access Fund Team

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