

If you have any questions about the help we can offer at Boston College, please contact the Learner Services Team.

You can find us at:

**Rochford Campus:**

Ground Floor

(just along from main reception).

Tel: 01205 365701 ext. 3372

**De Montfort Campus:**

Ground Floor

(Room M2)

Tel: 01205 365701

ext. 4457 or 4440

If you are studying at Peter Paine or at South Lincolnshire College in Spalding, contact us on one of the telephone numbers above, or ring the dedicated College Information

Line on 01205 313218



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**Financial Help  
for 16-19 year olds**

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## Can I get EMA while I am studying at College?

If you have received EMA in the past you **may** still be eligible for this support. If you have never received EMA you **will not** be able to apply as unfortunately this scheme has now been closed to new applicants.

## How will I know if I am eligible?

You will receive a letter direct from the EMA scheme informing you whether or not you are entitled to receive EMA payments during 2011-12, and if you are entitled, how much you will receive.

## What other financial support is available to 16-19 year old learners?

If you **are not** receiving EMA you can apply to the Boston College Bursary Scheme for financial support to help towards the costs of coming to College.

## Do I have to be on a full time course to apply to the Bursary Scheme?

You need to be studying for a minimum of 12 hours per week. (Please note that paid Apprenticeships are not eligible for support from the Bursary Scheme).

## Am I guaranteed to get funds from the Bursary Scheme?

If you are in one of the following groups, then you are guaranteed to receive support from the Bursary Fund. The groups are listed below:

Young people who are:

- Living in care
- A recent care leaver
- Receiving income support
- Receiving Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

## How will I receive my guaranteed bursary?

Depending upon your individual circumstances, you will receive a weekly payment and we will also provide help with your travel and / or kit or equipment alongside this. You will also receive a termly bonus linked to attendance and progress.

## I am not in one of the groups mentioned above – can I still apply to the Bursary Fund?

Yes you can still apply for help, and depending on your financial circumstances you may be able to get support. However, although we will prioritise those learners in greatest financial hardship, we cannot guarantee support for everyone.

## Who will be prioritised?

We will prioritise those learners who were eligible for free school meals in Year 11. This means your parents / carers are:

- Receiving Income Support

- Receiving Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Receiving Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receiving the 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
- Receiving Child Tax Credit and have a maximum annual household income of £16,150

## If I do receive help from the Bursary Fund, what will this be?

If your application is successful you will be able to choose to have help either with your transport, or your kit and equipment, or with meals.

## If my circumstances change during the year can I get help?

If your circumstances change you need to contact Learner Services staff as soon as possible to check whether or not we can help.

## What do I have to do to claim my support?

In most cases the College will arrange to pay for your travel kit or equipment directly. If you get help with food, this will be through food vouchers. If you do receive help you must attend College regularly and meet all your targets.

## How can I find out more?

Contact the Learner Services Team - our details are on the back of this leaflet.