



## 2022/2023 - Guidance for Applicants 19+ Learner Support Fund (19+ LSF)

### What is 19+ LSF?

19+ LSF is funded by the government to provide financial support for individuals with a specific financial hardship preventing them from taking part or continuing in learning. You may be able to get help with your travel, childcare, kit or equipment, or other costs associated with coming to college. To qualify you must meet residency criteria shown in ESFA funding regulations and should be participating in provision that is ESFA funded through AEB.

This is a discretionary and limited fund and in general meeting the eligibility criteria will not guarantee an award, which depends on your financial need and our available funds.

### Can I apply for 19+ LSF?

A new application will need to be submitted for each college year. Any 19+ LSF award and payment is dependent upon you having an attendance level of 90% or over, engaging with any home learning provision and demonstrating appropriate behaviour. If you fail to maintain these requirements your 19+ LSF award and payments may be affected.

You can apply for 19+ LSF if you are 19 or over on 31/8/22 and enrolling on an AEB funded course (ie you are not using an Advanced Learner Loan for fees).

However, we will prioritise applicants who meet one of the following criteria:

- Live alone / with partner, with household income of under £45,000 or
- Live with parent and receive a personal income or
- Live with parent and you have no income or
- You are receiving one of the benefits listed below

Benefits include:

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| • Income Support                                  | • Universal Credit (max income (£7,400)       |
| • Job Seekers Allowance                           | • Child Tax Credit only (max income £16,190)  |
| • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance | • 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit |
| • Working Tax Credit Run On                       |   |

If you are classed as **19+ Continuer** or hold an **EHCP** you should apply to 16-19 Bursary and not 19+ LSF.

### What help can I get?

Support levels vary based on your household income and financial need, and our available funds. You may be able to get support to help with college and work placement costs such as travel, books, equipment and uniform, tuition fee support, trips, childcare fees support, UCAS fees and exam resit fees.

**How to apply**

Complete an application form available on the Boston College website or from receptions at any campus each year.

You must provide evidence of **all** your income (including that of your partner)

If you are claiming Tax Credits or Universal Credits, acceptable evidence is:

- All pages of Full Tax Credit Award notice for 2022/23 **or**
- All pages of Universal Credit Award notice for the last 3 months

If you are not claiming Tax Credits or Universal Credits, you will need to provide an appropriate selection from the following to show all household income:

- Most recent P60
- Current wage slips – your most recent 6 weekly slips or 3 monthly slips
- Income Support or Income Related ESA award letter for April 2022
- Pension credit letters must be the latest and relate to the period from at least April 2022
- Most recent certified profit and loss accounts for the self-employed

You can return your application to us using any one of the following options:

- By hand – at Learner Services at Boston College
- By post – to Bursary Office, Learner Services, Boston College, Skirbeck Road, Boston, PE21 6JF
- By email – [bursary@boston.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@boston.ac.uk)

**Other information regarding 19+ LSF**

**Appeal your award.** You can make an appeal regarding your award by writing to the Head of Learner Services, Boston College, Skirbeck Road, Boston, or email [info@boston.ac.uk](mailto:info@boston.ac.uk)

**Application timescale.** We may take up to 15 working days to process your application.

**Award notice.** We will let you know about any Bursary award via your personal email.

**Further qualifying criteria.** Learners must also meet residency criteria shown in ESFA funding regulations and should be participating in provision that is subject to inspection by a public body that assures quality (e.g., Ofsted).

**19+ Continuer.** This only applies to some L3 learners who are moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their L3 course and who turned 19 during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of their L3 course.

**Any questions?** If you have any further questions, please contact: Learner Services Info Desk – 01205 313218.