

Got your results & need to know **what financial support is out there?**

Cash, money, funds ... what financial support is there for me?

So you've got your GCSE results and thinking about going to sixth form or college. Although post 16 education is free there might be some help available to cover the costs of staying in learning.

16 – 19 Bursary Fund

Young people who need some extra money to help them stay in education or training after 16 can apply to their school, college or training provider for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

If you are in care, a care leaver, receiving income support (or Universal Credit) or are a disabled young person receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) then you are eligible for a £1,200 bursary.

Other students facing money difficulties may also be able to claim support from the 16-19 Bursary Fund for help with transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.

For more details speak to your Head of Sixth Form or student support services at:

- East Coast College 0800 854 695
- Lowestoft Sixth Form College 01502 537000
- Easton & Otley College 01473 784248
- Suffolk New College 01473 382738
- Suffolk One 01473 556600
- West Suffolk College 01284 716 319

Or visit www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

Child Benefit

If you go to sixth form or college the child benefit that your parent or carer receives will continue. The course or training needs to be full time (more than 12 hours a week in term time) and can include GCSEs, A levels, NVQs and BTECs. Other benefits that your family receive may also continue if you stay in learning or training. To find out more call the Child Benefit Office on 0300 200 3100 or visit www.gov.uk/child-benefit

Dance and Drama awards

You can apply for support to cover the fees. You will need to take the Trinity College London qualification in acting dance or musical theatre. See the list of the courses and participating schools at www.gov.uk/dance-drama-awards or call the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989.

Care to Learn

Care to Learn is for young parents under the age of 20. It provides up to £160 per child per week towards the cost of childcare and travel while you stay in learning. For more details visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn or call the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989.

Earning money with work-based learning

If you are working – you have a right to a national minimum wage.

The current rates from April 2024:

- £11.44 per hour for workers aged 21 years +
- £8.60 per hour for workers aged 18 - 20.
- £6.40 for workers under 16 - 17.
- £6.40 per hour for apprentices.

Call Acas helpline 0300 123 1100 Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm
or visit www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates

Reduced bus travel with Endeavour Card

Provided by Suffolkonboard for young people aged 16 - 19; and is a 'cash less' card that you top up online. Full details at <https://endeavour.suffolkonboard.com/>

Save money going to school or college by train

Greater Anglia trains offer an Anglia Plus Scholar Ticket to students aged 16-18 for travel to school or college in Suffolk. The scheme gives you a saving compared to the cost of a standard ticket or season ticket. For further details visit <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/tickets-fares/business-travel/schoolcollege-travel-discounts>

To find out how much you can save call 0845 600 7245 and press option 3 or visit any Greater Anglia train station in Suffolk and ask about the Anglia Plus Scholar Ticket. (Details correct at time of print).