## STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS GUIDANCE NOTES



#### WHAT ARE THE STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS?

The funds help students who are experiencing financial difficulties while in education. The funds are for costs related to attending College (such as books, equipment and travel). The funds are cash limited and are assessed on a case by case basis. Payments are not released until a student is enrolled and has good attendance. Not all applicants will be successful.

#### FREE MEALS

Students who qualify for support funds at Leeds College of Building and are aged 16 -18, may also be entitled to a free meal token each full day they attend College.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPPORT FUND?

To be eligible you must:

- Be an enrolled student on a full-time or government funded course
- Have 'home' student status or have been granted full 'refugee' or 'asylum seeker' status
- Have been 'ordinarily resident' in the UK, EU or EEA continuously for the last three years before the start of the learning programme, with 'settled status' - which means having indefinite leave to enter or remain (ILE/ILR)
- Have a household income below £28,000.
- Maintain good attendance (95% minimum)

This funds are discretionary and not all applications will be successful.

#### WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- International (overseas) students
- Students on Higher Education courses ie BA/BSc/HND/HNC
- · Students on Work Based Learning/Modern Apprenticeships

#### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

If you wish to apply for the College support funds you should:

- · Check that you meet the criteria
- · Complete the application form, answering all questions required in full
- Attach the right evidence as indicated to the application form (please use photocopies as originals cannot be returned)
- Hand in your application form and evidence to the Student Services office

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Fully completed forms, with all the supporting evidence attached, will normally be processed within 28 days of receipt. Once your application has been assessed, you will receive an award notification letter which will indicate what support you are entitled to and how this will be provided. If your application is not successful, you will also be notified.

#### CAN I APPEAL AGAINST THE COLLEGE'S DECISION?

You do have the right to appeal. If you do want to appeal please do so in writing within 10 days of receipt of your award notice. Appeals should be sent to Student Services, Leeds College of Building, North Street, Leeds LS2 7QT. Whenever possible we will respond to your appeal within 10 working days.

### PLEASE DETACH THIS FRONT COVER AND KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE

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#### **GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM**

You must complete every part of the and include the relevant evidence. If you do not your application will be delayed.

Part A Student Details

This is about the student, where they live, their residency status, what course they are studying - all sections must be

completed and residency evidence provided if required.

Part B Income Details

This is about the household income for the current year. Please indicate which income category applies and provide

the evidence requested.

Part C Spend

This is where the student indicates what financial assistance they need during the academic year.

Part D Additional Information and Declaration

This is to be filled in if the student feels there is additional information which would be useful. All information provided will remain confidential. All students and parents must read and sign the declaration before submitting the application

form.

The deadlines for submitting applications are:

September enrolments - 1st Friday in October

Remember, these are cash-limited funds and they are issued based on a first come, first served basis (subject to priority groups).

Payments will be made termly.

### **HIGHER LEVEL BURSARY 16-18**

Students aged 16 - 18 most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year this includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support in Universal Credit/ their own right and disabled young people receiving both employment support allowance and disability living allowance.

### **CHILDCARE**

If you require childcare to enable you to attend college, please speak to a member of student services staff to discuss the support available.

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY

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PART A: STUDENT DETAILS  To be complete							
A1 - YOUR NAME & COURSE							
First Name(s)							
Surname							
Course							
A2 - YOUR DATE OF BIRTH							
Date of Birth	D D M M Y Y Y Y						
Age							
A3 - YOUR ADD	DRESS						
Address							
Postcode							
	Please note we are unable to issue travel help unless we have your postcode						
Are you living:							
alone with parents							
Are you a careleaver or child looked after?  Yes  No							
A4 - YOUR CON	ITACT DETAILS						
E-mail Address							
Home Phone							
Mobile Phone							
A5 - PHONE DE	TAILS						
Do you have a smart pl	hone? Yes No						
FOR OFFICE USE		ALLB CF					
Reference Number: Total Award:							
Date Processed:	Input date recieved:						
Course end date:							

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A6 - RESIDENCY							
A. I am a Britis	n Citizen and have lived in	the UK for at	least three years pr	ior to the start of my	learning programme		
B. I have 'settle programme.	d status'* in the UK and I	us'* in the UK and have been ordinarily resident for at least three years prior to the start of my learning					
*Settled	means having either inde	efinite leave to	enter or remain (ILE	(/R), or having the rig	ght of abode in the Uk	۲.	
( ·	_	tional (including Gibraltar) or the spouse or civil partner or child of an EU/EEA national and have been in the EU/EEA for at least three years prior to the start of my learning programme.					
D. I have been	I have been granted 'refugee' or 'asylum seeker' status by the UK government, or am the child of someone with this status.						
If you have ticked B, C or D	you must provide Home C	Office letter or p	assport to prove yo	ur residency status.			
Please confirm the date whe	n you entered the UK:	D D I	M M Y	YYY			
PART B: INCOM	E DETAILS	YOU	J MUST COMPLETE	THIS SECTION. PLE	ASE TICK ALL BOXE	S THAT APPI	
D4 INCOME EVID	PNCP						
B1 - INCOME EVID							
Please tick ALL benefits or in appropriate. Evidence of inc	-	-		•	e or earned income w	/here	
Name of Income / Out of V		Yes / No		Out of Work Benefit		Yes / No	
•		res / No				Tes / NO	
Child Tax Credit / Working Tax Credit (if online, please provide a print copy)			All pages of Tax Credit Award (TC602) for the current year				
Income Support / Employment Support Allowance			Letter confirming benefit no more than 3 months old				
Job Seekers Allowance			Letter confirming benefit no more than 3 months old				
Universal Credit (if online, please provide a print copy of all pages)			Universal Credit monthly award notice (3 consecutive months)				
Self-employed			Self Assessment Tax Calculation for April of current year				
P60 (for all members of ho	usehold)		P60 for year ending April of the current year				
PART C - SPENI	)/FREE MEAL	S					
If successful, how will you u	se the Funds you receive	? (Please tick a	ll that apply)				
Books	Equi	Equipment Trav		avel	Visits		
Material Fees	Mea	Meals - Tick this box if you are eligible for free school meals  Childcare					
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C1 - ABOUT THE O  Do you live with at least one			OUK HOME				
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About your parent(s)/guard	an(s) living at your addre First Names	ess Date of	Rinth		Tel No.		
Family Name	Fil 5t Mailles	Date Of	Dirui	77 77 77 7	TEL NO.		
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PART D - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DECLARATION						
Please use this space to give us any additional information about yourself which might be used to support your application.						
<ul> <li>Declaration</li> <li>I declare that the particulars given in this application are a full and correct statement to the best of my knowledge and belief. All taxable income sources are shown and documents requested are enclosed. I understand that giving false information may lead to legal action being taken against me to recover monies paid and that it may jeopardise any continuing payments from this and any subsequent application I make.</li> <li>I will inform you immediately if the details I have given on this form change.</li> <li>I agree to attend my classes and activities that form my course programme regularly and on time.</li> <li>If I wish to alter my course in any way, I will notify Student Services.</li> <li>I understand that if I do not keep to my Learning Agreement or if I leave my course early I should notify Student Services team and that any payments made to which I am not entitled should be repaid.</li> <li>I agree to provide additional information, if requested, to substantiate my application.</li> <li>I will adhere to the College Code of Conduct.</li> <li>I will have no less than 95% attendance per term.</li> </ul>						
Student signature	Date D D M M Y Y Y					
PARENT/CARER DECLARATION - UNDER 19's ONLY						
I declare that the information given in this application is a full and correct	statement to the best of my knowledge and belief.					
Parent/Guardian signature	Date D D M M Y Y Y					
A parent/carer signature is required unless the student is living independ	dently.					
When you complete and sign this Application Form, you are expressly giv special categories of personal information about you. This is detailed in the of Application. This notice is regularly reviewed and sometimes updated, made at any time, and you will always find the most up to date version at	ne Leeds College of Building Student Privacy Notice. This is a condition for example, to clarify how your information is used. Updates may be					
CHECKLIST						
Before submitting your form, please make sure you have completed the following:						
I have completed all of my personal details	Universal Credit					
I have provided a Home Office letter or my passport (Overseas/ Asylum Seekers/Refugees only)	<ul> <li>Self-employed</li> <li>P60 (for all members of household)</li> </ul>					
I have provided proof that I/my household receives at least one of the following:	<ul><li>I have provided proof of my household income</li><li>All documents I have provided are for the correct year</li></ul>					
<ul> <li>Child Tax Credit / Working Tax Credit</li> <li>Income Support / Employment Support Allowance</li> <li>Job Seekers Allowance</li> </ul>	<ul><li>I have signed the Declaration</li><li>My parent/carer has signed the Declaration</li></ul>					