

19+ Bursary Learner Support Funds 2023-24

Are You Eligible?

Are you aged 19+ on the 31st August 2023?

Do you live in a joint household that has an income of less than **£32,300**? **OR** a single person household with an income of between **£7,800 - £21,530**?

Are you fully enrolled to an AEB funded course at West Lancashire College **OR** do you have an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your fees during the 2023/24 academic year?

Note: A student who is studying on a Community Funded course or a student who is mandated to attend their course by JCP is not eligible.

What Support Can We Offer You?

If you live in a household that has an income of up to £25,000 you may be eligible for the following:

- Meal Support
- Equipment and Trip Support
- Laptop Support
- Placement Support

If you live in a household that has an income of between £25,001 and £32,300 you may be eligible for the following:

- Meal Support
- Equipment and Trip Support
- Placement Support

For additional information and eligibility criteria, please see the *Finance Guide 2023/24* or visit

<https://www.westlancs.ac.uk/support/fees-and-finance/>

How Do I Apply?

You can apply from Monday 21st August. Please submit your fully completed application form, along with all required evidence, to the Reception desk at Learner Services. Once your application has been assessed, the Learner Support Fund team will contact you via the email address you used at enrolment.

Read all questions carefully and ensure you provide all evidence that meets your household circumstances.

Any missing evidence will result in a delay to your application being processed.

Complete this application form using black or blue ink only.

Student Details

Person Code ID:	Address:
Forename:	
Surname:	
Date of Birth:	
Age on 31 st August 2023:	
	Post Code:
Course Title:	

Household:

Do you live with (or are you financially dependent on Parent(s) or Partner, if yes please state their details below. You will need to provide household income evidence for the below. State N/A if you live alone.

Name	Relationship (e.g Father/Mother)

Funding:

If you are in receipt of an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your fees, please tick the box.

If you have been mandated to attend the course by Job Centre Plus, please tick the box.

Qualifying Evidence

Select and provide the evidence that demonstrates your yearly household income. We may request further evidence to fit your household circumstances.

Household Income	Evidence Required	Select all that apply
Asylum Seeker	Home Office Letter confirming current status, evidence of current address, IND card and Aspen Card.	
Working Tax Credits	Provide a Tax Credit Award Notice dated 2023/24. All Pages Required. We can accept the renewal notice providing payments continue past August 2023.	
Universal Credit	Provide 3 most recent Universal Credit statements which must include • Names of all claimants • Address • Payment for the Month • Total Entitlement • Total Deductions • Take Home Pay even if £0 (Take Home Pay can be found by selecting the "Help and Support Section" under "Other support you may be able to get".)	
Income Support	Provide award letter dated within 1 year.	
DLA / PIP	Provide award letter dated within 1 year.	
Employment Support Allowance	Provide award letter dated within 1 year.	
Job Seekers Allowance	Provide award letter dated within 1 year.	
Guaranteed Element of Pension Credits	Provide award letter dated within 1 year.	
Self Employed	Provide a statement of accounts for the 2022/23 tax year from your accountant. This must be on letterhead paper, including a wet signature and stating your earnings before tax. Self assessment is not accepted.	
Live in a single independent household and have a taxable income of between £7,800 and £21,530.	Provide 3 most recent pay slips (and your pension payment letter dated within one year if applicable)	
Household Income less than £32,300?	Joint Household – Provide 3 most recent payslips for all adults in the household. Where one adult is not working please provide latest 3 months of their bank statements	

Data Protection:

All personal data processed by NCG is maintained in compliance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and The Data Protection Act 2018. NCG is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a provider of education and training. By submitting this form, you acknowledge that you have read and understand that your data will be processed in accordance with our privacy policy (unless you state otherwise) which can be accessed via this URL: <https://www.ncgrp.co.uk/media/t2cjs44v/ncg-data-protection-policy.pdf> For information regarding your rights under Data Protection legislation, please refer to the contact details in our privacy policy. **Tick the box to state that you are happy for**

NCG to process your data in accordance with our privacy policy.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The 19+ Bursary is funded by the Department of Education. We must retain evidence of your eligibility for audit purposes.
2. Students enrolled onto a community funded course or mandated to attend by JCP are not eligible for this bursary. If we identify that the student is enrolled onto a community funded course or mandated we will cancel all support and request a refund from the student of any funds that they have received.
2. In order to access support, it is the responsibility of the student/parent(s)/partner to supply a completed and fully signed application form with all relevant supporting evidence, which demonstrates an accurate household income. The evidence requested enables West Lancashire College to ensure that Learner Support Funds are following the guidelines set by the Department of Education, and therefore any evidence provided is open to audit. student/parent(s)/partner should be aware that giving false or incomplete information that leads to incorrect/overpayment may result in future payments being stopped and any support funds being recovered, in these circumstances those who have signed the declaration confirming that the household income evidence provided is accurate, could face prosecution.
3. In order to comply with funding regulations, Learner Support Funds hold the right to not accept an application until satisfied that the evidence and the household income assessment is accurate. Until the household can provide the evidence requested, the application will not be accepted and support may be delayed.
4. Students must achieve satisfactory attendance. West Lancashire College will stop payments where students have been absent for a period of 4 continuous weeks or more.
5. Students must maintain a level of good behavior and behave in a way, which respects the needs and aspirations of others to learn, teach and live within the community of the College when using any of the College facilities.
6. All monies or support received must be used for the purpose intended. If the student is unsure of the purpose of support, please ask Learner Support Funds.
7. Students must not allow others to access or use any part of their support.
8. Students must inform Learner Support Funds of any changes to their course and/or timetable as we need to ensure the correct support is in place.
9. Where Learner Support Funds identify that a student has received an overpayment, for example, where there has been an electronic timetable change since the original assessment or a miscalculation of support has occurred, a recalculation of support will be undertaken and payments will be stopped so that any overpaid support can be recuperated.
10. Students must only access their meal entitlement on the days that they are timetabled to study.
11. If the student has received course related equipment for the course in which they first enrolled, they may not receive additional course related costs for a second enrolment. Equipment funded by Learner Support Funds with a value of £100 or more, must be returned to the department at the end of your course.
12. If your course requires coursework outside of your lessons and you do not have access to a computer/laptop at home - you may be eligible to apply for a laptop from us. This must then be returned at the end of your study. Failure to return a laptop can result in charges.
13. If the student withdraws from their course they must inform Learner Support Funds immediately and ensure that they do the following:
 - 13.1 Refund such sums as may be determined by Learner Support Funds.
 - 13.2 All items purchased by the Learner Support Funds remain the property of the college and must be returned if learners do not complete their course.
14. Payments are processed in accordance with a payment schedule. Students will not receive funding prior to the date stated on their payment schedule. The financial support is only valid between the course start and end dates. If the student finds that they need to come to college after the course end date, for revision sessions, re-sits etc., our financial support offer does not cover these scenarios and the student will be responsible for any costs associated with attending these sessions.
15. Learner Support Funds will maintain confidentiality of all application.
16. Any misuse of funds or non-compliance with the terms and conditions will result in the removal of support in this academic year and the student will not be eligible to apply for support in future academic years.
17. West Lancashire College do not accept responsibility for payments being processed to an incorrect account due to incorrect or unclear bank details being submitted. Where incorrect bank details are submitted, if we are unable to recover the payment, we will not provide another payment to compensate for the loss of the first.
18. Paper bank details will be destroyed by the end of the academic year.
19. Learner Support Funds have the right to withhold support where learners do not achieve the required attendance.

Declaration:

In signing this form, you are confirming that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions.

Student Signature:

Date:

Bank Details

State your bank details **clearly** below.

We are unable to make payments to accounts where a roll number is a requirement.

Student Name:

Name of Bank:

Sort Code (6 digits):

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Account Number (8 digits):

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Third Party Declaration:

If you authorise Learner Support Funds to process payments into a Third-Party bank account; the third party must sign below.

Third Party Name:

Third Party Signature:

Bank Card Example

0000 0000 0000 0000

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Sort Code

→ 00-00-00

00000000

← Acc. Number

Useful Info:

Contact Number: 0191 200 4455

Email: LSFWLC@westlancs.ac.uk

Website: <https://www.westlancs.ac.uk/support/fees-and-finance/>