

Types of funding available

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Discretionary bursary

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education.

2

Vulnerable learner bursary

Students in the defined vulnerable groups can receive additional funding. This funding can be used to purchase essentials for college such as equipment and travel passes.

3

Free School Meals

Free school meals (FSM) are provided by the government to support students from low-income families or those receiving certain benefits. They ensure that students have access to healthy, balanced meals during college hours, which can improve concentration, learning, and overall wellbeing



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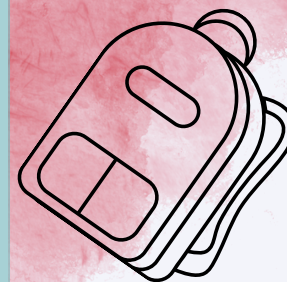
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If you have any questions in regards to the bursary offer at TMP please feel free to contact the bursary team via the above means.



TMP College

Bursary and Free School Meals

2026-2027



Bursary

Discretionary bursary

Eligibility criteria -

Household income - £32,000 or less

The bursary is paid every half term and is

attendance-based. Attendance needs to be 85% or higher for the relevant half term in order to get paid.

Travel - there are several travel funding options for those who live over a mile away from college and do not get a LA funded taxi.

Essential items - A student may wish to use their bursary fund to go towards essential college items.

Evidence -

When applying for the bursary, you will need to provide evidence. This could be payslips, P60s, Universal credit documents, receipts of bus fare. In relation to household income, the past three months must be uploaded.

Vulnerable Learner bursary

The defined vulnerable groups are on the next page. TMP College must assess students individually to determine the amount of support they need to participate in college.

Free meals in further education has its own eligibility criteria. A student who meets the criteria for a defined vulnerable group bursary is not automatically eligible for a free meal.

The defined vulnerable groups are students who are:

- in care, or a care leavers
- receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in addition to Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC

Students must be in receipt of DLA or PIP and ESA or UC to be eligible - receipt of DLA or PIP alone does not meet the criteria.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, every student in a household receiving Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals, regardless of how much the family earns.

Students aged over 19 are eligible for a free meal if they either:

- are continuing on the same study programme (19+ continuers) they started before they turned 19
- have an education health and care (EHC) plan

For those students in foster care, carers must also be on UC to apply for FSMs.



Application

PayMyStudent

This year all applications will be completed via PayMyStudent. PayMyStudent is a secure online platform designed to make application, monitoring and payment easier.

Account

Follow the instructions on the How to leaflet. The application for is easy to follow.

Evidence

In order to submit your application, you will need to upload evidence to the platform. Evidence required is located on the third page of this leaflet. You will not be able to submit your application without evidence.

Outcome

All applications are then reviewed by the bursary team.

You will be able to find the outcome of the review on your PayMyStudent account. You will also be informed if you need to provide further evidence.