



EAST RIDING

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East Riding of Yorkshire 16-19 Bursary Fund, Common Framework

This framework details the principles of how the bursary fund will be offered within the East Riding area and some variation in the offer will occur between individual institutions, at their discretion.

Eligibility

Young person must be aged under 19 on 31st August in the academic year in which they start their study. Bursaries should be paid to young people who have reached the statutory school leaving age, in exceptional circumstances, providers may use their discretion to pay bursaries to younger students.

If a young person turns 19 during their programme of study, they can continue to be supported to the end of the academic year in which they turn 19 or to the end of the programme which ever is sooner.

Part time learners, those undertaking courses that last less than 30 weeks should be considered for pro-rata payments.

Other conditions apply on the type of training and residency, which individual institutions can advise if it affects applications and in accordance with YPLA guidance.

Application

Applications for the bursary fund should be sent to the Mr. N. Pinder, Head of 6th Form, South Holderness Technology College.

Applications from young people are welcome throughout the year. However, in order to use the money as effectively as possible we would expect applications for major bursary funds commencing their course in September 2011 to be received prior to commencement of the programme or no later than the third week..

Financial support for young people

There are 2 elements:

1) Guaranteed Bursary £1,200 per annum – vulnerable groups, major award: Young People in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of income support and disabled young people in receipt of employment support allowance and in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

Major bursaries may include learners outside of the vulnerable groups, who have been identified as requiring assistance. These awards may vary from £100.00 - £1,200.00 or more. This type of arrangement is at the providers discretion and based on individual need.

For eligible young people receiving a major bursary it is expected that the learner would receive a payment for each full week attended in term-time; it is not expected that any learner would receive payments any less frequently than once a month.

One off larger payments may be given initially, where exceptional circumstances exist, this will then be offset by a reduction in the weekly/monthly allowances.

2) Discretionary, minor awards

Providers may use their discretion to make awards to YP in ways that best fit the needs and circumstances of their students. Targeted towards those facing financial barriers and may offer support in various ways; such as cost of transport, meals, books, equipment.

A range of young people may apply for discretionary bursaries. These are designed to support the costs of specific items associated with their education.

Responsibilities for young people

Young people who receive a 16-19 Bursary Fund have a responsibility to ensure excellent attendance and behaviour to continue to receive the bursary. Poor attendance or behaviour may result in the bursary being withdrawn.

Learners are responsible for notifying the school or college of any changes to their personal circumstances during the year if they are in receipt of bursary funds. This may lead to a termination of the bursary payments if the changes in circumstances are significant. It is the responsibility of the institution to decide on the approach to any changing circumstances.