

Bursary Frequently Asked Questions.

16-18 Students

1. Question: Are you aged 16-18 years old? **Answer:** Yes

2. Question: Am I entitled to apply for a discretionary bursary?

Answer: Yes, you must show that your parent or guardians are in receipt of a benefit listed on the application form and/or have an income of £24,000 or less.

Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

3. Question: Am I entitled to travel?

Answer: Yes, if you live **2.5 miles or more with a total household income of £24,000** or under and have the financial evidence to support your application.

Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

4. Can I get help if I am 16-18 years old in Care, Care Leaver or receiving benefits in my name?

Answer: Yes, you may be entitled to apply for the bursary of **up to £1200**, we require evidence of your care status or if you are receiving benefits in your name. You must meet the funding eligibility criteria, please see the 16-18 Funding Guidelines for further details

5. What discounts are available for cheaper travel?

Please see below a list of discount schemes available to you.

- 16-25 Railcard which gives you a 1/3 off travel
<https://www.1625railcard.co.uk/>
- 16-17 Saver Card which gives you 50% off travel -
<https://www.1617saver.co.uk/>
- Further Education season ticket which gives you 34% off travel -
<https://www.southernrailway.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/furthereducation-season-tickets>
- Unizone Tickets - <https://www.southernrailway.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/unizone>

6. If the total household income is **over £24,000?**

Answer: Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

If the total household income is over £34,000 we will not be able to offer you a bursary. You can get in touch with the charities below who might be able to assist you.

Turn 2 U: <https://www.turn2us.org.uk>

Princes Trust: <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

7. Am I entitled to a college meal?

Answer: Yes, if the total household income from benefits does not exceed **£16,190**.

If the household income is from employment and does not exceed **£16,190**, we can offer a discretionary college meal.

8. Can I get help with an essential kit and equipment cost?

Answer: Yes, up to £400.00, the bursary payment will only cover specialist kit/equipment that is **deemed essential by the curriculum area so you may receive less than £400**

You must purchase the kit/ equipment and provide us with the receipt as proof of purchase by the **end of September**. Receipts can be emailed to student.support@gbmc.ac.uk or financialsupport@gbmc.ac.uk

9. Will the bursary payment be made on my first day at college?

Answer: No, please ensure you have sufficient funds to cover your **first 4 weeks** at college

+19 Students

1. Are you aged 19 or over, studying a fully funded government course at Levels 1 & 2?

Answer: Yes

2. Am I entitled to apply for a bursary?

Answer: Yes, if the household where you live has an income of £24,000 or under and you have the evidence to support your application.

Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

3. Am I entitled to travel?

Answer: Yes, if you live 2.5 miles or more with a household income of £24,000 or under. Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

4. Can I get help with my course fees?

Answer: Yes, however when you enrol, you will be asked to pay a deposit of **one-third of the tuition fee** and sign up for a Direct Debit Part-Payment Plan for the remainder of the fees.

If your bursary application is successful, you will receive a refund for the fees paid. Should your bursary application be unsuccessful, the Direct Debit Payment Agreement will then take effect!

5. What discounts are available for cheaper travel?

- 16-25 Railcard which gives you a 1/3 off travel
<https://www.1625railcard.co.uk/>
- Unizone Tickets - <https://www.southernrailway.com/tickets/discounts-andrailcards/unizone>

6. Am I entitled to a college meal?

Answer: Yes, if the total household income is £20,000 or under.

7. Can I get help with the essential kit and equipment cost?

Answer: Yes, up to £400.00, the bursary will only cover specialist kit/equipment that is deemed essential by the curriculum area so you may receive less than £400.

You must purchase the kit/ equipment and provide us with the receipt as proof of purchase by the **end of September**. Please emailed receipts to student.support@gbmc.ac.uk or financialsupport@gbmc.ac.uk

8. Will the bursary payment be made on my first day at college?

Answer: No, please ensure you have sufficient funds to cover your **first 4 weeks** at college.

9. Are you aged over 19, studying a Level 3 course?

Answer: Yes

10. Were you required to take out an Advanced Learner Loan to pay for your course fees?

Answer: Yes, you are entitled to apply for a bursary if the household income is £24,000 or under. Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

11. Am I entitled to travel?

Answer: Yes, if you live 2.5 miles or more with a household income of £24,000 or under. Partial contribution to costs will be awarded if your income is between £24,000 to £34,000.

12. Am I entitled to a college meal?

Answer: Yes, if the total household income is £34,000 or under.

13. Can I get help with the essential kit and equipment cost?

Answer: Yes, up to £400.00, the bursary payment will only cover specialist kit/equipment that is deemed essential by the curriculum area so you may receive less than £400

You must purchase the kit/ equipment and provide us with the receipt as proof of purchase by the **end of September**. Please emailed receipts to student.support@gbmc.ac.uk or financialsupport@gbmc.ac.uk

14. Will a bursary payment be made on my first day at college?

Answer: No, please ensure you have sufficient funds to cover you are **First 3 weeks** at college.

Should you still require any further clarification, please contact us directly

Brighton students:

Visit the Student Centre at Central Campus, Brighton

E-mail: financialsupport@gbmc.ac.uk Tel:

01273 667788 ext. 474/394

Worthing and Shoreham students:

Visit the Admissions Centre at West Durrington Campus

E-mail student.support@gbmc.ac.uk

Tel: 01903 273014