

3rd October 2025

Dear Sixth Form Students, Parents and Carers,

The 16-19 Bursary Fund in 2025/2026

We are writing to notify you about the Government 16-19 Bursary Fund, which is to support students from low-income families in accessing their Sixth Form education for such things as transport, uniform, books and equipment. The government has issued guidance for this funding and we have used this to compile the procedure and application process here at school.

The school will, on behalf of the student, use the funding to purchase materials (project items, uniform etc.) or pay towards transport. This is a change to previous years where students were given the money directly and is as the issued government guidance.

Please note that the completed application form should be emailed to the Finance Office (finance@utc-silverstone.co.uk) along with the required documentary evidence as soon as possible.

Who is eligible to apply for this 16-19 Bursary Fund?

Vulnerable Student Bursary

1. Young person in care
2. Young person who has left care (care leaver)
3. Student's receiving Universal Credit due to financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them (i.e. a child or partner)

SUTC will receive a fixed award of £1200 which is payable over the duration of the academic year.

The criteria to meet the Vulnerable Student award is set by the Department for Education and must be adhered to, with proof provided to SUTC to confirm eligibility.

Discretionary Awards

These awards are aimed at those young people facing financial barriers to participate in 6th form studies. Priority will be given to those students in receipt of FSM and with households with low income. Agreed standards of behaviour and attendance should also be met.

Application Process

1. Completed forms plus all documentary evidence should be returned to the Finance Office as soon as possible.
2. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email.