



LEWISHAM
COLLEGE

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT 19+ AND 20+ CHILDCARE

2025/2026

What financial support could I apply for?

Before you start your course, you will need to consider how you will afford some of the following costs:

- Tuition fees
- Examination or material fees
- Travel cost to and from college
- The cost of special equipment and materials

How do I apply?



Apply online by visiting **lscolllege.ac.uk/bursary**.

Complete the application form and upload your document evidence. You will need to sign the declaration and the student finance team will get in touch to let you know if and what you are eligible for.

Which support funds could I apply for?

- 19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund and Advance Learner Loan Bursary
- 20+ Childcare Support Fund

Am I eligible for an Discretionary Award?

You are eligible for a Discretionary Award if you are aged 16-18 and your household income is below £32,300.

What if I am 19 and starting a Level 3 course?

You are eligible for a Discretionary Award if you are aged 19+ and your household income is below £32,300.

What if I am 24 or over?

You are eligible for a Discretionary Award if you are aged 19+ and your household income is below £32,300.

Or

You may qualify for a 24+ Advanced Learner Loan. These loans help you to pay your tuition fees. Most learners aged 19+ studying at Level 3 or above will qualify for a loan. You will need to visit the Advance Learner and complete an application for the loan on the Government website.

To qualify for support, you will need to provide your loan approval letter. Without the loan in place, you will not be able to receive any support.

To qualify for support, you will need to:

- Apply online using the College portal **Paymystudent.at lscollege.ac.uk/bursary**. There is also an icon on your desktop you can use to access the site. You can also select any language to translate the questions asked.
- Complete the application form and upload your document evidence
- Sign the declaration

Do you need a Student Oyster photocard?

For information on eligibility and to apply, please visit **www.tfl.gov.uk**.

18+ Student Oyster photocard

You could save 30% on adult rate travelcards, bus and tram pass season tickets.

Please remember when applying for an Oyster card you must also be enrolled on a full-time course with at least 15 tuition-led or structured learning hours per week, attend Monday to Friday only (not including evening classes) that span a minimum of 14 weeks on the same course (shorter courses repeated over 14 or more weeks are not eligible).

Attendance and behaviour

To receive financial support from any of the Learning Support Funds you must attend 90% of your classes. For all childcare schemes this will be checked on a monthly basis. Failure to achieve 90% attendance will lead to a review which could result in the non-payment of assistance for the following week/month/term.

You are also expected to not breach your Learner Agreement, if you do so your award will be reviewed and may be withdrawn.

Withdrawals

If you are withdrawn from your course, you will not receive further financial assistance. You will also have to repay any financial assistance you have been awarded and pay any outstanding fees.

Appeals

If your assistance is stopped or withdrawn due to poor attendance or behaviour, then you have the right to appeal. You should appeal to the Student Finance Officer in writing within ten working days, explaining the circumstance as to why payment should be reinstated and providing as much information as possible.

If you believe your application has not been assessed correctly, and you did not receive an award or you are not happy with the level of support allocated, you can appeal. Your appeal should be made in writing within ten working days of award notification and be emailed to Judy Sargeant at judy.sargeant@lewisham.ac.uk.

Term and conditions

Please ensure you read the application form for full details of the financial support available and all terms and conditions. Information is correct at time of going to print (July 2025). Lewisham College aims to provide the most up-to-date information in its printed literature and on its website but the College cannot guarantee the provision of all bursaries, financial support or courses advertised in this guide or on the website. You are, therefore, advised when making an application to satisfy yourself as to any amendments or alterations that may affect your particular course and the course fees in place when you enrol, which will supersede any previously advertised. All courses and financial support/bursaries are subject to validation, availability, eligibility and additional support requirements. You will not be guaranteed a place on a course until you have fully enrolled and received your Learner Agreement.

Please visit lewisham.ac.uk for further information.

Any further questions?

Please come along to the guidance and progression drop in or speak to your Progress Coach or Tutor.

Contact Judy Sargeant, Student Finance Coordinator at judy.sargeant@lewisham.ac.uk or on **0203 757 3373**