



**LEWISHAM
COLLEGE**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AGED 16-18

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
- Breakfast and lunch cost

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?

16-18 Learning Support Fund.

This fund has two types of awards: **Enhanced** and **Discretionary**.

Am I eligible for an Enhanced Award?

You are eligible for an Enhanced bursary if you are aged 16-18 and fall into one of the categories below:

- A Looked After Child
- A care leaver
- A young parent
- On Universal Credits in your own right

Am I eligible for a Discretionary Award?

You are eligible for a Discretionary Award if your household income is below £38,500 and you are:

- Aged 16-18
- Have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) and are under 25

What if I am 19 and starting a course?

You could be eligible for a Discretionary Award from the 19+ Learner Support Fund

To qualify for support, you will need to:

- Apply online using the College portal [Paymystudent.atlscollege.ac.uk/bursary](https://paymystudent.atlscollege.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 16-18 Student Oyster photocard?

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

16+ Zip Oyster photocard.

Young people aged 16 and 17 need a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard. The 16-18 learner support fund does not provide travel expenses. The expectation is that all 16-18 students should have an oyster card. Applications to support the purchase of a ZIP card will be accepted after you have applied for the bursary.

If you are aged 18 on the 31 August 2025 and still in full time education you can also apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard.

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. 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**