**What is the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund?**

If you are struggling to meet the cost of attending Madeley Academy, you may be eligible for financial support through the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund.

There are two types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

1. Priority Bursary
2. Discretionary Bursary

**Payment of Bursaries**

Wherever possible, bursaries will be paid to you “in-kind”. For example, if you are eligible for travel assistance, we may purchase a bus pass for you. Where payments are made to you in-kind, we will communicate the value of the payment to you.

**Eligibility**

* You must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31 August 2024
* If you are aged 19 or over, you must be continuing on a study programme you began aged 16 to 18, or you must have an EHCP
* You must adhere to Madeley Academy’s participation rules, including:
	+ At least 97% attendance
	+ Good conduct and module reports
	+ Completing homework and coursework to deadlines
* All students who receive a bursary will be subject to monthly reviews to confirm their continuing eligibility. Any changes in circumstances or failure to meet the participation rules will lead to a review of your entitlement.

**Priority Bursary**

If you meet the eligibility criteria above and you fall into at least one of the following categories, you may be eligible to receive a Priority Bursary of up to £1,200 per academic year if any of the following applies:

* You are currently in care
* You have previously been in care
* You are receiving Income Support **or** Universal Credit because you are financially supporting yourself
* You are receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your own name **as well as** Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit in your own name

Subject to confirmation of your eligibility, your application will undergo an assessment to determine your actual level of financial need. Following this assessment, we will confirm to you in writing the amount of Priority Bursary awarded to you. Please be aware that you may not be awarded a Priority Bursary.

In order to assess your eligibility for a Priority Bursary, we require evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria. Evidence could include:

* A letter from the Department for Work and Pensions
* A letter from the Local Authority
* Copies of statements for Universal Credit

**Discretionary Bursary**

If you are not eligible for a Priority Bursary, you may be eligible for a Discretionary Bursary if your household income is below £25,000 per annum.

Eligible students may receive support towards the following costs:

* Meals
* Transport
* Curriculum trips and visits
* Uniform
* Learning materials and resources

The Discretionary Bursary is a limited fund and allocations will be prioritised based on actual level of financial need. Subject to confirmation of your eligibility, your application will undergo an assessment to determine your level of financial need. Following this assessment, we will confirm to you in writing the amount of Discretionary Bursary awarded to you. Please be aware that you may not be awarded a Discretionary Bursary.

In order to assess your eligibility for a Discretionary Bursary, we require evidence that your household income is below £25,000.

Evidence could include:

* P60s
* Most recent Tax Credit Award
* Universal Credit Award Statement
* Income Support Award Letter
* Payslips
* State Pension Award Letter

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**2024-25 Bursary Fund Application Form**

**Before You Start**

Before you complete this form, please read the above guidance which provides important information on eligibility and the evidence required to process your application.

Please note that failure to complete this form accurately, including failure to provide sufficient evidence, may lead to a delay in processing your application. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Mrs Sismanovic at **nsismanovic@madeleyacademy.com**

**Student Details**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Surname: |  |
| First Name(s): |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |  | / |  |  | / |  |  |
| Address: |  |
|  |
|  |
| Postcode: |  |

**Parent/Carer Details**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Surname: |  |
| First Name(s): |  |
| Address: |  |
|  |
|  |
| Postcode: |  |
| Contact Number:  |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Household Income:*Please attach a copy of proof of income* |  |

**Which bursary are you applying for?** *Please tick relevant bursary.*

* Vulnerable
* Discretionary

**What support do you require?** *Please tick all that apply*

* Meal costs
* Transport costs
* Cost of curriculum trips and visits
* Uniform costs
* Cost of learning materials and resources
* Other – *please specify below*

**Confirmation**

I confirm that the details on this application form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Signature – Parent/Carer: |  | Date: |  |
| Signature – Student: |  | Date: |  |

Please place your completed form and supporting evidence in a named envelope and return to Reception at Madeley Academy.

**Please return the application and supporting evidence to nsismanovic@madeleyacademy.com**