

# TAKING THE COST OUT OF STUDYING

A GUIDE TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT 23-24





## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Here at Carlisle College we believe that finance shouldn't be a barrier to study. We provide a range of customised financial support, via the funding bodies, which you may be eligible for, depending on your circumstances.

**You can check your eligibility online at [carlisle.ac.uk](http://carlisle.ac.uk) or call us on 0191 200 4455 to speak to our team.**

**Please note:** Support is not always guaranteed, you must provide evidence of eligibility as requested on the relevant application form. You will then be advised of the specific entitlements that you have been awarded. Financial support provided within this guide is subject to change.



## SUPPORT FOR 16-18's

### 16-18 Bursary

**Household income less than £32,300? You may qualify for all of this!**

- **FREE** travel support
- **FREE** meal entitlement
- **FREE** equipment and trips

### Vulnerable Bursary

You may be eligible for this support if you are:

- a young person living independently and in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit because you are financially supporting yourself or financially supporting yourself and someone who is dependent on you and living with you, such as a child or partner.
- a young person in receipt of Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit AND Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your own right.
- a young person in care or leaving care.

**I meet this criteria, what could I qualify for?**

- **FREE** travel support
- **FREE** meal entitlement
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## SUPPORT FOR 19+

### 19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund

Household income less than £32,300? You may qualify for all of this!

- **FREE** travel support
- **FREE** meal entitlement
- **FREE** equipment and trips
- **FREE** childcare support

### Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

Household income of less than £32,300, and have an Advanced Learner Loan in place to cover your course fees? You may qualify for all of this!

- **FREE** travel support
- **FREE** meal entitlement
- **FREE** equipment and trips
- **FREE** childcare support



# CHECK OUT THE DETAIL

## FREE travel support

You may be eligible for a travel pass or travel payments if you live more than 2 or 3 miles (household income criteria dependent) away from campus. Following an application for support you will be assessed for the most appropriate travel support based upon the travel route options that are available to you, as determined by Learner Support Funds. This could be in the form of a travel pass, or it may be deemed more suitable for you to receive a cash entitlement. This decision will be made by Carlisle College and is non-negotiable.

You may be eligible to receive travel support through your local authority. Please enquire directly with your local authority to see if you are eligible for travel support, prior to applying for Learner Support Funds.

If you are travelling to Carlisle College using your own vehicle you will not be able to apply for alternative support nor will Carlisle College be able to reimburse fuels costs. Please be informed that your application may take up to four weeks to be processed, as we require sufficient verification of attendance from college registers. You will be responsible for any travel costs until your support is in place.

**Please be aware that your total travel cost may not be covered.**



## FREE meal entitlement

You will be able to receive a £4.50 entitlement to purchase a meal on the days that you are timetabled to attend college accessible at the food outlet on campus. If you are attending a placement it may be deemed more suitable for you to receive a cash entitlement.

## FREE equipment and trips

Course leaders have identified items which may be useful to you whilst studying on your course. Some courses may also have trips designed to enhance your learning experience, you may have access to funding to enable you to attend these trips. Please note, funding will be provided directly to the department who will organise this support.

## FREE childcare support

If you are aged 20+ you may be able to receive childcare costs to cover your timetable, so that you are able to fully participate on your course. The childcare costs will be paid directly to the childcare provider. Please note, the childcare provider must have an Ofsted Report and be graded as 'Outstanding' or 'Good'. If you are aged 16-19 and require childcare support, you are advised to apply for childcare support through the Care to Learn scheme. [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)



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