

GUIDE TO STUDENT FINANCE



North Warwickshire
& Hinckley College

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Available from North Warwickshire & Hinckley College

Customer Service Team

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1 Introduction

This guide provides key facts, links and contacts on financial support that may be available to help students with costs that they might meet whilst studying with North Warwickshire and Hinckley College, these could include help with the costs of;

- Travel
- Books
- Materials
- Equipment
- Uniform
- Childcare
- Examination and registration fees

There will be a high demand for financial support, students should apply as soon as possible. Funding is limited and awards will depend on funds being available. Students can apply at any time throughout their studies for financial support through bursaries or discretionary awards. Application forms are available from Customer Service.

North Warwickshire and Hinckley College will do all it can to help eligible students stay and achieve their learning goals. We will always ensure that all applications are treated efficiently and fairly.

If you are worried about finance please contact Customer Service on any college campus or contact us on 024 7624 3366.

This information is intended as a guide only, all applicants are advised to check full details. Through web links and college contacts.

2 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Key facts:-

- No longer available to new applicants
- If you have received EMA in 2009/10 and going into a third year of studying in 2011/12
CAPITA will notify you directly if your current weekly payment will continue in 2011/12
- If you received £30 EMA per week in 2010/11 and going into second year of study in 2011/12
CAPITA will notify you directly if your current weekly payment will continue in 2011/12
- If you are receiving EMA and want to apply for other financial support, please apply, EMA payments will be included in the assessment process

Web links:	http://ema/ypla/gov.uk/resources
College contacts:	Customer Service on any college campus
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3 Guaranteed Bursaries

Key facts:-

First priority will be given to students who are eligible for a Guaranteed Bursary. You may be eligible if you are;

- 16-18
- Satisfy UK residency criteria
- Living in care or are a care leaver
- In receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

You could receive upto £1,200 in an academic year, if you;

- Enrolled on a funded Further Education course
- Attend for over 80% of your course
- Adhere to any agreed behaviour contracts

It will be paid;

- Monthly

You will need to provide

- Written confirmation of your status from the authority which looks or looked after you
- Proof of receipt of Income Support, Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

(Note – you will not be eligible for both EMA payments and a Guaranteed Bursary)

Web Links:

YPLA16-19bursaryfunds

College Contacts:

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4 Discretionary Awards & Discretionary Funding

Key facts:-

- To help students with low income meet the costs of studying. You maybe eligible if you are;
 - Aged 16 or over
 - Enrolled on a full or part-time funded course
 - From a home where the gross household income is £20,817 or less
 - In receipt of or dependant upon;
 - Income support
 - Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credits, your parent/carer does not receive Tax Credits and your household income does not exceed £20,817
 - Can provide evidence from the relevant agency

- May be awarded for;
 - Transport costs, if you live more than 3 miles from the college campus you study at, by:
 - A travel pass
 - Refunding bus or train fares
 - A mileage allowance of 30p per mile
 - Essential course equipment
 - Essential trips and residentials
 - Childcare costs, if you are 20+ (under 20 – see Care to Learn)
 - Meals
 - Course fees
 - Other expenditure which enables you to complete and achieve your course

Web Links:

<http://moodle.nwhc.ac.uk/>

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5 Appeals

Key Facts:-

- If your application is not approved you can appeal through the college's Compliments, Concerns, Complaints process
- If the appeal is not resolved it may be referred to a College Vice Principal or the College Principal.

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6 Care to Learn

Key facts:-

- To support or contribute to childcare costs whilst studying at college.
- Care to Learn is for you if you are:
 - Under 20 when you started learning
 - Main carer for your child/children
 - On a full or part-time course
 - Living in England
 - Use an OFSTED registered childcare provider
- Care to Learn will not affect your family's benefits, nor do you have to be in receipt of benefits.

Web Links:

www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn

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7 Adult Learning Grant (ALG)

Key facts:-

- If you receive ALG and your course is continuing, you will
 - Receive a notice of entitlement for 2011/12 to enable you to continue your course
 - Continue to receive your weekly payments during 2011/12
 - May be eligible to support from Discretionary Funds to help with the cost of studying
- If you are a new student or moving onto a new course, you may be eligible for Discretionary Funds

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