

Student Bursary for 16-18 year olds 2026/27



**TRAFFORD
COLLEGE**

1. Will you be under 19 on the 31 August 2026 or aged 19-24 on the 31st August 2026 and have an EHC Plan?

- ☐ Yes **► Go to question 1**
☐ No Do not fill in this form. Ask for a 19 plus Learner Support Form – available from Learner Services

Section 1: Student's Personal Details

First names:	Surname:
Address:	
Postcode:	Date of Birth:
Telephone (Landline):	Mobile:
Email:	
⚠ Make sure you enter your email correctly as we may correspond with you using your email address.	

Section 2: Course Details

What is the FULL TITLE of the course you have applied for starting in September 2026?

Please note it is important that you write the correct full name of the course you will be studying. e.g. BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism not just Travel and Tourism. If you have received an offer letter it will be on this.

At which College Site will you be studying?

☐ Altrincham Campus	☐ Stretford Campus	☐ Other
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Section 3: Travelling to and from Trafford College

⚠ Please make sure you have filled in your postcode in Section 1.

Do you intend to use an 'Our Pass' for journeys to and from college? (see bursary guidelines)

☐ Yes	☐ No	'Our Pass' Number: _____
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If you will not be using an 'Our Pass' for journeys to and from college, please select one option below that covers your main transport method:

☐ Bus (outside of 'Our Pass' Area)	☐ Walk	☐ Bicycle	☐ Metro	☐ Train
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if you are not using an 'Our Pass', please give an estimated cost of a daily return journey to and from College and provide a ticket showing your daily travel cost (e.g. Train, Tram or Bus).

Estimated Cost: £

Section 4: Student's Personal Details

Please read through the statements below and tick the one which applies to you (please tick one box only)

A	☐ I claim Income Support or Universal Credit in my own right because I live independently or financially support someone living with me such as a child or partner. If you are responsible for a child please provide recent evidence of your entitlement to Child Benefit which names child/children and speak to the Financial Support Officer at your campus where you study should you require any help with Childcare costs. ► Please go to Section 5
B	☐ I am in the care of the Local Authority, a care leaver or living with foster parents Name of social worker Contact Number Email ► Please go to Section 5 ⚠ If this is a private foster care arrangement please tick box F
C	☐ I claim Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit as well as Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance. ► Please go to Section 5
D	☐ I (the student) consider myself to be a Young Carer and am registered with a local carer organisation ⚠ A young carer is a young person who looks after a family member because they have an illness or disability, or has a drug/alcohol addiction. ► Please go to Section 5
E	☐ I live independently ⚠ My circumstances are not any of those described above. If you have ticked this box – We will require additional evidence that you live independently. Please contact Learner Services by emailing stretfordbursary@trafford.ac.uk and altrinchambursary@trafford.ac.uk
F	☐ I live with one parent, carer/guardian who is mainly financially responsible for me. ► Please ask your parent, carer/guardian to fill in Section 6 and 7
G	☐ Do you live with both parents ► Please ask BOTH parents, carers/guardians to complete Section 6 and 7
H	☐ I live with my spouse or partner. ► Please fill in Section 6 and 7 with your spouse or partner

Section 5: Evidence Required if you have ticked Boxes **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**

If you have ticked boxes **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** please fill in this section.

Personal Circumstances	Evidence Required	Please tick to confirm evidence enclosed
In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit and live independently or financially support someone living with you - e.g. child or partner.	Up to date award letter which states entitlement to Income Support. or Up to date Universal Credit Statement which shows your current monthly income. We may also ask for evidence of living independently – e.g. a tenancy agreement in your name. Please go to Section 8 The Declaration at the end of the form	☐
In care of Local Authority, Living with foster parents (not a private foster care arrangement).	A letter from your Local Authority which confirms this. Please go to Section 8 The Declaration at the end of the form	☐
Care Leaver (This includes a Special Guardianship Order providing evidence specified of being a Care Leaver is submitted).	A letter from your local authority which confirms you are a young person who was previously looked after for a period of 13 weeks which began after the age of 14 and ended after the age of 16 If you are also in receipt Universal Credit, Income Support or ESA in your own right, please also provide evidence of this Please go to Section 8 The Declaration at the end of the form	☐ ☐
In receipt of Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit as well as Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance.	Up to date award letter which states entitlement to Employment and Support Allowance or Up to date Universal Credit statement which shows your current monthly income and letter showing receipt of Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance Please go to Section 8 The Declaration at the end of the form	☐

Registered Young Carer	Letter from your local Carer Organisation which confirms you are registered Young Carer We also require evidence of household income Please ask your parent(s), carer(s), guardian(s) to fill in Section 6 and 7	☐
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Section 6: Household Details

Please enter details of Student's Parent(s)/Carer(s)/Guardian(s) or Spouse/Partner as applicable in table below. If you live with both parents/carers/responsible adults, please enter both their details.

Adult A	First name	Surname
	Relationship to Student	

Adult B (If applicable)	First name	Surname
	Relationship to Student	

Section 7: Household Income Details

Please tick all boxes which apply to your household and show your current financial circumstances.

Do not include any money the student may be earning from part time employment

⚠ Do not hand this form in without the correct evidence

Income/Benefit	Evidence Required	Tick to confirm evidence enclosed with application
Universal Credit	To assess for eligibility for FREE MEALS: We need your three most recent Universal Credit Full Award Statements which state your monthly income (for example: earnings reported by your employer) and any deductions.	☐
Earnings from Employment	We need one current wage slip from each person who is working.	☐
Earnings from Self Employment	Self Assessment Tax Calculation (Form SA302) or audited accounts for 2025/2026. We need this for each person who is self employed.	☐
Council Tax Bill	Council Tax bill showing 25% single person discount (if you are the only adult in the household).	☐
Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	Arc Card and Asylum Support letter or Section 4 – Support Grant letter.	☐
Guarantee Element of Pension Credit	Recent letter from the pension service dated within 3 months which states entitlement to Pension (guarantee) Credit.	☐
Letter from local authority	Recent letter from the local authority stating you are a Care Leaver plus evidence of household income from the list of evidence above	☐
Carer's Allowance	Recent award letter dated within 3 months which states entitlement to Carers Allowance.	☐
State, Occupational or Personal Pension	Recent award letter from DWP or letter from relevant organisation dated within 3 months which shows the amount of payment received.	☐
Employment and Support Allowance	Recent award letter dated within 3 months which states entitlement to Contribution based Employment Support Allowance.	☐
Job Seeker's Allowance	Recent award letter dated within 3 months which states entitlement to Contribution Based Jobseekers Allowance.	☐
Any income (Do not include Child Benefit, DLA, PIP or Attendance Allowance)	We need to know if you have any income other than those listed above. If you have, please provide relevant evidence.	☐
If no income – savings only	We need your 3 most recent current and savings account bank statements.	☐

► **NOW GO TO Section 8 - THE DECLARATION AT THE END OF THE FORM**

Section 8: Declaration

DECLARATION BY: **Parent(s)/ Carer(s)/Guardian(s) Responsible for Student**
 Student's Spouse or Partner
 Student

Please make sure you have read the declaration below as by filling in and handing in this application form to the college you are agreeing to the following conditions:

You confirm that:

You have read and understood the guidelines which accompany this application form.

You have filled in all applicable sections and enclosed all necessary evidence.

The information that you have given on this form is – to the best of your knowledge – correct and true.

You will inform the College in writing of any change to your circumstances.

You agree that:

Trafford College can process your personal data contained in this form along with supporting evidence provided as well as on your Student Learning Agreement in order to assess your eligibility for a Student Bursary. If you have given personal information relating to anyone else on this form you have obtained their permission to do so.

Your information where relevant will be shared with 3rd party organisations. Application forms and associated evidence is stored securely on campus: for learners studying off site this data will be stored at one of our main sites.

You understand that:

You are applying for Public Funds and that you may be committing a criminal offence if you omit to disclose any information that may affect your application.

You undertake to:

Repay any award that the student is not entitled to or any amount of money/equipment which has been issued if the student withdraws from their course.

You understand and accept the following conditions regarding payment of bursary funds

16-18 Bursary Fund payments to eligible students will only be made if the student has good attendance and behaviour and is making satisfactory academic progress (for example handing in work set on time). If the above conditions are not met payment will **not** be made.

General Data Protection Regulations Agreement

Please tick **one** of the following options:

I have read and understood the GDPR statement and I agree to the holding and sharing of my data in relation to this application. ☐

I don't agree to the holding of my data in relation to this application and sharing it for funding purposes ☐

Parent/Carer/Guardian Name (please print)

Date

Signature

Student Name (please print)

Date

Signature

Please go to part 2 of the application form: Your Bank Details

Alternative formats of this application form are available on request

Is there anyone I can talk to if I need help with any aspect of my application?

Yes, you can contact the College's Financial Support Officer at:

streffordbursary@trafford.ac.uk and altrinchambursary@trafford.ac.uk

All application forms can be returned **by post** using the address below or in person by the student from their enrolment onwards.

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You do not need to pay postage. Please address your envelope exactly as above – DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ELSE ON YOUR ENVELOPE

If possible, please send photocopies of evidence, however any original evidence documents will be returned if you have clearly indicated that you want them to be returned.