

Help with the cost of studying at BCX

We do not want financial pressure to stop a young person from attending BCX or taking part fully in their programme. The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund can help eligible students with specific education-related costs.

Our main eligibility threshold

If your household income is below £80,000 a year, we encourage the student to apply. This does not mean every applicant receives the same amount: support is based on the student's individual circumstances and the actual costs they need help with.

What could the bursary help with?

- Travel to BCX and essential work placements
- Meals during the education day where there is an identified need
- Essential books, stationery, equipment or specialist clothing
- Required course visits and trips
- Essential progression visits or interviews linked to the student's next steps
- Other necessary costs that would otherwise make it difficult for the student to participate

How do we decide what support is offered?

The fund is designed to remove **specific financial barriers**, so BCX must look at each application individually. We will consider household income, the student's actual costs, and any relevant circumstances affecting the family.

We may give particular consideration where a student has high travel costs, has previously been eligible for free school meals, has caring or parenting responsibilities, lives in a household under additional financial pressure, or experiences a significant change in circumstances during the year.

Important

The £80,000 threshold is an application threshold, not a guarantee of payment. There is no standard weekly or annual award. BCX will agree support that matches the student's evidenced need.

What evidence might we need?

We will ask for enough information to confirm household circumstances and the costs being requested. This might include:

- recent payslips or P60s;
- Universal Credit or other relevant benefit statements;
- tax information/accounts for self-employed household members;
- bank statements where needed; and
- evidence of costs such as fares, equipment prices or trip/placement charges.

We will treat financial information sensitively and only use it for administering and auditing bursary support.

What about the Vulnerable Groups Bursary?

Some students may qualify under separate national criteria, for example students who are in care or care leavers, or certain students receiving specified benefits in their own right. For eligible students with a financial need, support can be **up to £1,200** for a full-year programme of 30 weeks or more. This is not an automatic £1,200 payment; BCX must assess the student's actual participation costs.

If you think this may apply, please speak to us. We can explain the criteria and the evidence required without you having to work it out alone.

How is support provided?

Support may be provided directly, for example by arranging a travel pass, purchasing necessary equipment or paying an agreed cost. In other cases, an agreed amount may be paid or reimbursed. The bursary is not intended to be a general living-cost allowance or an automatic cash payment.

When should we apply?

As early as possible. However, please do not assume you have missed out if circumstances change later. Students can ask to be reassessed during the year if a new financial barrier arises.

Need help or want to apply?

Speak to Mr Goodlad or Mrs Evans, or email bcx@bodmin.celtrust.org. We encourage students to ask for help if money is making it harder to take part in their programme.