

Aldercar High School

2024-2025

**Please read the 16 to 19 Bursary Policy before completing this form. All applications will be held in the strictest confidence.**

We encourage students to submit their applications at the start of the September term.

**Section 1: Applicant Details (Student)**

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| Title: | First Name: | Last Name: |
| Address: |  | |
| Postcode: |  | |
| Mobile Telephone No: |  | |
| \*E-mail Address: |  | |

\*We will use your e-mail address to send all correspondence to you – please ensure this is included

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| Date of Birth: | Age at 31st August 2024: |
| Subjects studied |  |

**Section 2: Residential Status**

Who do you live with? Please tick all boxes that apply

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| Mother |  | Father |  |
| Parents spouse/partner |  | In care/looked after |  |
| Foster parents |  | On my own |  |
| Other: please give details | | | |

**Section 3: Student’s Eligibility/Supporting Documents**

**Please complete either Part A or Part B below**

**Tick the box applicable in the part you complete and note the documents needed to support the application. The supporting documents must be enclosed with the application form. If you live with a parent/carer, their information is required for the proof of income. If you do not have the specified documents, please contact us to discuss possible alternatives.**

**Part A: Please tick only 1 box, then go to Section 5**

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| **Vulnerable Bursary** | **Tick** | **Support Documents Needed** |
| Young people in care or care leaver |  | Letter or email from care home/social worker/local authority |
| Young people in receipt of Income Support (or Universal Credit in place of Income Support) in their own right |  | Supply one or more of the following:   * Copies of the benefits paperwork * Last 3 months universal credit award notice |
| Young people in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right |  | Supply one or more of the following:   * Copies of the benefits paperwork * Last 3 months universal credit award notice |

**Part B: Please tick the relevant boxes, then go to section 4**

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| **Discretionary Bursary – Other Students** | Tick | **Supporting Documents needed** |
| Young people who are claiming, or are eligible to receive free school meals |  | Please supply one or more of the following: (copies)  Copies of the benefits paperwork   * Last 3 months universal credit award notice * P60 (tax year ending April 2023) or the last 3 months pay slips * Evidence of self-employed earnings (certified accounts for the 2023/2024 tax year) |
| Young people whose household receives income based means tested benefits AND/OR whose gross annual household income is below £25,000.  (Household income-this includes the combined incomes, where there is more than one source of income, of parents with parental responsibility and partner living in the household. Household income does not include income from siblings who are working or money earned by the student themselves from part-time employment) |  | Please supply one or more of the following: (copies)  Copies of the benefits paperwork   * Last 3 months universal credit award notice * P60 (tax year ending April 2023) or the last 3 months pay slips * Evidence of self-employed earnings (certified accounts for 2023/24 tax year) |
| Young people who have been affected by sudden exceptional changes to their financial circumstances |  | Supporting letter from parent/carer or please contact the Deputy Head of Post-16 for advice |

**The supporting documents will be stored securely and will only be used for the purpose of assessing eligibility for the Bursary Fund. Documents will be retained for six years in line with ESFA guidance.**

**Section 4: Discretionary Bursary – types of award available**

Awards for the Discretionary Bursary are shown below. Please tick the relevant boxes if you feel that one of more of the categories may be relevant to you. You may not have the full details to hand now, but you will be able to give more details later. Depending on individual circumstances, costs may be provided in full for the bursary or you may have to pay a contribution yourself. Where possible, the School will make payments ‘in kind’-provide a bus pass, pay for exam resits, buy equipment, clothing or books on behalf of students or arrangement payment for education visits, for example. The School may ask that books and equipment be returned to the school by the end of your study programme so that they may be used again.

Where cash payments are being made to students, payments will be made directly to students via BACS transfer.

**Justification will be required for any direct cash payments.**

Additionally, where cash payments are made to students to reimburse expenditure, students must provide copies of purchase receipts as proof of purchase. These will be held on file. Any unspent money should be returned to the School.

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| **Category** | **Tick** | **Further Details – including estimated costs where relevant (with evidence where available)** |
| Travel to/from Sixth Form |  | Method of transport………………..  Distance between the Sixth Form & home ……………………………  If bus, please confirm bus route/bus operator………………………………  Expected Cost of bus pass…………. |
| Free School meals |  |  |
| Books for the subject you are studying |  | Details of books required: |
| IT/specialist equipment/materials/specialise clothing for subjects studies |  |  |
| Subject-Specific Educational Visits – a contribution of a maximum of 50% from bursary will be awarded unless there are exceptional circumstances authorised by the Head of Post-16. One residential trip will be subsidised per year |  |  |
| Exam Re-sit Fees |  |  |
| UCAS Application, University Interviews/Open Days, Preparation courses  Other educational needs (please give details) |  |  |

**Section 5: Qualifying conditions**

The following conditions apply to the receipt of bursary payments:

All payments (both in kind and cash) will be subject to meeting the attendance and behaviour requirements of the School.

* Qualifying Period – Satisfy a qualifying period of study, ie at least six weeks;
* Attendance – a minimum of 95% attendance (subject to exceptional circumstances). The Bursary will be reduced or even removed if attendance falls below 95%;
* Behaviour – No cause for concern and no staff perusing a level of the underperformance document.

The discretionary allowance may be withdrawn if any of the above is not satisfactory at the discretion of the Head of Post-16.

**Section 6: Bank Details**

In the majority of cases, successful applicants will receive an award ‘in kind’ in the form of a bus pass, contribution towards meals, or help with educational visits, for example. Where monetary payments are made, these will be made by BACS transfer into the students own bank account. Please insert the details below:

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| Account holder name (student) as shown on statement |  |
| Name of Bank |  |
| Address of Bank |  |
| Sort Code |  |
| Account Number |  |

**Section 7: Declarations**

**Please be aware that the funding covers only this academic year and there is no guarantee that funding will be available for future years, even if you are eligible for the current year.**

**Student Declaration:**

**I declare that all information I have provided in support of this application for the Bursary is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if false or incomplete information is submitted which results in an overpayment, all future payments will be stopped and the Sixth Form will seek repayment of payments made. The matter may also be referred to the Education and Skills Funding Agency and/or the police, with the possibility of facing prosecution. I undertake to notify the Sixth Form in writing of any changes to the information provided, which may affect my eligibility for the Bursary.**

**By signing this declaration, I confirm agreement to all the conditions and eligibility criteria of the scheme. If for any reason, I leave the Sixth Form or fail to abide by the behaviour or attendance policy, I undertake to return the award upon request and I understand that the Sixth Form my withhold payments.**

**Signed………………………………………………………………………….. Date…………………………**

**Full name (in block capitals) …………………………………………………………………………………**

**Parent/Carer Declaration:**

**I declare that all information I have provided in support of this application for the Bursary is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if false or incomplete information is submitted which results in an overpayment, all future payments will be stopped, and the College will seek repayment of payments made. The matter may also be referred to the Education and Skills Funding Agency and/or the police, with the possibility of facing prosecution. I undertake to notify the Sixth Form in writing of any changes to the information provided, which may affect the eligibility for the Bursary.**

**By signing this declaration, I confirm agreement to all the conditions and eligibility criteria of the scheme. If for any reason, the student named on this form leaves Sixth Form or fails to abide by the behaviour or attendance policy, I undertake to return the award upon request and I understand that the Sixth Form may withhold payments.**

**Signed…………………………………………………………………………Date…………………………………**

**Full name (in block capitals)………………………………………………………………………………………..**

Please return the completed application form and all supporting documents in an envelope marked ‘Bursary Application’ to the Deputy Head of Post-16.

The application can be submitted by post or by person

If you make an appeal against a decision, it will follow the School normal complaints procedure.

For help or advice, please contact the Deputy Head of Post-16

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|  | **Signature:** | **Date:** |
| Application form received |  |  |
| Form checked for full completion |  |  |
| Evidence provided: Please list- |  |  |
| Evidence checked |  |  |
| Requested further information/documents: |  |  |
| Eligibility criteria:  Student is aged between 16 & 19 years YES/NO  Student is enrolled on a valid learning programme at a valid provider YES/NO |  |  |
| Application approved? YES/NO  Reason for rejection |  |  |
| Decision letter sent to student (emailed) |  |  |
| Appeal  Date appeal request received  Appeal hearing date  Persons present at hearing  Appeal decision  Notification sent to applicant |  |  |
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