

2023- 2024

Discretionary Learner Support/Bursary Application FormFor use by students in Further Education (FE) i.e. studying for BTEC, City & Guilds or

| SECTION 1: Student's Details | qualifications | |
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| Surname | Date of Birth | ID Number Age |
| Forename(s) | | on31/08/23 |
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| PermanentAddress | | de |
| Course | | r |
| Email Address | | |
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| CTION 3: Members of your immediate housel | hold (excluding siblings) in emplo | pyment or in receipt of benefits or pensions. |
| | Adult 1 | Adult 2 |
| Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.) | | |
| Surname Forename(s) | | |
| Relationship to applicant | | |
| Telephone number | | |
| Email Address | | |
| □ Last three payslips and three m □ Last certified accounts or self-a: Company Directors for 2022-20 Please provide photocopies of award lefters (c should be dated within three months or an outdat □ Universal Credit (UC) Please supply your 3 mos from the current tax year , including paymer □ Income Support (IS) □ Child Tax Credit/Working Tax Credit (2023-24: □ Employment Support Allowance (ESA)/Job Se □ Carers Allowance □ Other benefit - please state the benefit receiv | 2-2023 or, if you don't have a P60 nonths bank statements or ssessment tax return for any self-emple 23 all pages) for all members of your housed letter and a bank statement dated of strecent UC statements in breakdown full award notice) sekers Allowance (JSA) | loyed member, details of dividend income for usehold who are in receipt of any of the following. These within three months): Pension Guarantee Credit Child Maintenance - CMS letter or months' bank statements Housing benefit Council Tax Support |
| | | re not taken into account when calculating your income. |
| Unfortunately we are unable to process | | |
| SECTION 5: Support Required - PLEASE RETA | | · |
| Residential Bursary: College Accommodation Private Rent (these payment made directly to your landlo landlady monthly - see Sectic Copy of tenancy agreement | rs will be | Costs (required as a priority) I as a priority I as a pri |

| Mofor Vehicle, Uniformed Public Service and Sports Fifness Academy students. We can only award residential bursary for students on these courses who have genuine exceptional circumstances. Please detail here what your reasons are for attending Sparsholt college; |
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SECTION 6: Declaration

Please read the statements below and sign to confirm you have read and understand them:

- The evidence I have provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Providing false and/or incomplete evidence which leads to incorrect/overpayment may result in future payments being stopped and any funding being recovered. This may also result in a referral to the police with the possibility of the student and/or their family facing prosecution.
- If the student withdraws from their course they may be required to pay back some or all of the money awarded and any fees outstanding to the College.
- If my application for financial assistance is unsuccessful or successful in part, I will be liable for all outstanding fees related to my course and it is my responsibility to pay these fees.
- The College has the right to withdraw funding at any time, with good cause.
- Allocation of funding is dependent on students behaving in an acceptable manner, attending all timetabled sessions, on time, and completing all necessary homework and coursework.
- Failure to meet these conditions could result in funding being withdrawn.
- If I am in receipt of Government benefits, any direct payment from the Learner Support Fund may affect the amount of benefit I receive, and it is my duty to disclose the amount of funding I receive to the Benefits Agency.
- I am aware the College will record and hold securely any information of a personal or sensitive nature.
- In the event of completion of a course or withdrawal any resources purchased via the Discretionary Learner Support Fund should be returned to the College.

| Student – (print name) | Signed |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| | Date |
| Parent/Guardian - (print name) | Signed |
| <u></u> | Date |

SECTION 7: Other information

The College aims to provide bursary support for learners experiencing the greatest financial hardship but also has a flexible approach to allocating funds where a learner can prove a need for support. Please see our policy on the College website.

Any students with a total household income of £35,000 can apply for funding. We may consider applications over this limit where there are extenuating circumstances which are causing a barrier to participation, i.e. redundancy, loss of earnings through ill health etc.

The funding the college receives is limited and not all applications will be successful. You will receive an email to confirm whether your application has been assessed as eligible and what to do next. It is possible that the college may not make an award or may not award the full amount requested. If your application is not eligible we will email you to advise. If we do not hold an email address we will write to you. Usually this process takes around fourteen days, however, during busy periods this may take longer.

If you are aged 20 or over and applying for assistance with childcare costs you will need to complete a separate contract which will be posted to you if your application has been assessed as eligible.

As part of the application process you may be required to attend an informal meeting to discuss how the Discretionary Learner Support Fund/Bursary can best support your needs whilst you study with us. You may be asked for further evidence or information regarding your income or expenditure.

Unfortunately we cannot return or photocopy evidence, however our reprographics department may be able to provide photocopies for a small fee. Alternatively photocopying facilities are often available at local shops or libraries for a fee.

Contact Information

Once this form is completed please return to, Student Funding at Sparsholt College, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 2NF. Should you have any queries or require any support completing this form please contact our Student Funding Team on 01962 797346 or email studentfunding@sparsholt.ac.uk

Appeals

Appeals can be made in writing to Stella Daly, Student Administration Support Manager, Andover College, Charlton Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 1EJ or via email stella.daly@sparsholt.ac.uk. Please include as much information as possible about your financial circumstances in relation to your application, expenditure and whether you have attempted to secure funding from other sources. You may be required to submit further financial information and evidence along with an expenditure declaration.

SECTION 8: Bank Details

If your application is successful, and we are not able to make a payment in kind, we will arrange a BACS transfer directly into a **student's** bank account. Your bank details will be passed to and securely held by our Finance office.

Where payments are for residential bursary these must be made directly to the Landlord, therefore please fill in Landlord's details.

Please note: if your bank details change you must advise us in writing.

| Student Name | | | | |
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| Student ID No | | | | |
| Full name of account holder | | | | |
| Name as it appears on bank card | | | | |
| Name of bank/building society | | | | |
| Branch | | | | |
| Sort Code | | | | |
| Account Number | | | | |

Landlord's bank details if applying for residential bursary, excluding on site accomodation

| Name as it appears on bank card | | | | |
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| Full name of account holder | | | | |
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BEFORE SENDING YOUR APPLICATION

Please check that you have done the following as we are unable to process applications submitted without evidence:

- Enclosed copies of ALL the evidence requested in section 4?
- Signed the declaration in Section 6?
- Provided <u>student</u> bank account details in Section 8?

Please ensure you take the package to a Post Office so it can be weighed and the correct postage added before sending to us. (Most likely it will require more than a standard stamp to reach us).