

Due to changes in funding guidance, students who are continuing their studies in the next academic year (26-27) and have received financial support from the bursary during the previous academic year (25-26), are no longer required to complete a new, full bursary application.

All you need to do is complete the attached form and sign the self-declaration (both student and parent/guardian must sign) confirming that your household circumstances have not changed from your application last year. We do not need evidence of income at this stage but you may, in the coming financial year, be asked to evidence your declaration.

Please remember to indicate what you are requesting funding support for, e.g. transport/accommodation. We will confirm your bursary by email, once the funding has been processed.

SECTION 1: Student's Details

Surname _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **ID Number** _____

Forename(s) _____ **Age on 31/08/26** _____

Permanent Address _____

_____ **Postcode** _____

Course _____ **Telephone Number** _____

Email Address _____

Have you the right of abode and been resident in the UK for the last 3 years? Yes / No

SECTION 2: Members of your immediate household (excluding siblings) in employment 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		

SECTION 3: Confirmation of household income

Please confirm which of the following benefits/payments are received by the members of the household listed above:

Universal Credit (UC)	YES/NO
Income Support (IS)	YES/NO
Employment Support Allowance	YES/NO
(ESA) Carers Allowance	YES/NO
Pension Guarantee Credit/Pension	YES/NO
Child Maintenance	YES/NO
Housing Benefit	YES/NO
Council Tax Support	YES/NO
Other benefit	Please state the benefit received

Please confirm your total household income (earnings, pensions and benefits) is less than £30,000? YES/NO

Please confirm your total household income (earnings, pensions and benefits) is less than £39,000? YES/NO

Number of children living in the household who are under 18 on 31/8/26 (excluding student in section 1) and in full time education, not including university?

SECTION 4: Support Required – Please indicate what you need funding help for. PLEASE RETAIN ALL RECEIPTS, if your application is successful these will be required.

College Support Funds:

- College Travel Costs (required as a priority)
- Petrol (required as a priority)
- Clothing and Equipment
- Compulsory Trips
- Help with Childcare (if you are 16-19 at the start of your course and are the main carer for your child, you should apply for Care to Learn www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)
- Other – please state what else you need funding support for

Residential Bursary:

- College Accommodation and Meal Package
- Private Rent (these payments will be made directly to your landlord/ landlady monthly - see Section 8. Copy of tenancy agreement required).

Free College Meals:

Please tick if you think you may be eligible for free college meals

Motor Vehicle, Uniformed Public Services and Sports Fitness 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 and applying for a residential bursary for these courses:

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SECTION 5: Declaration

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

- **I confirm that my household financial circumstances have not changed since my funding application for 25-26.** 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** _____

_____ **Date** _____

SECTION 6: 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 **£39,000** 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, Sparsholt College, Westley Lane, 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 Student Funding, Sparsholt College, Westley Lane, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 2NF or via email studentfunding@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 7: 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								
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 accommodation

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Name of bank/building society								
Branch								
Sort Code								
Account Number								