



St Helens College



## **FACT SHEET**

### **Advanced Learner Loans Bursary Fund**

### **Academic Year 2025/2026**

**Generally for FE students, aged 19 or over, studying on a programme at level 3/4/5/6**

#### **Bursary Fund Fact Sheet**

The College will administer the Advanced Learner Loans Bursary Fund to support vulnerable and disadvantaged students who fall into priority groups such as:

- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
- Students who need support with the cost of childcare
- Students who can demonstrate financial hardship.

#### **What Type of Assistance is Available?**

The Advanced Learner Loans Bursary is available to assist students with the costs of:

- Breakfast
- Meals
- Books and Equipment/Miscellaneous Support
- Travel
- Childcare (including Care to Learn Top Up Payments)
- Additional Learning Support (e.g. note taker, communicator)
- Residential Support

Please note that funding is limited and therefore cannot be guaranteed. The College reserves the right from time to time to review expenditure against the Fund and as a result may alter or close the support package available to students in the year.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

##### **Additional Learning Support**

Where a student requires Additional Learning Support, this will be assessed on a needs basis. Students requiring Additional Learning Support will not be required to provide evidence of household income. All assessments will be carried out by the Learning Support Team and will be based upon the student's individual needs/assessment.

**Please note: payment for students requiring learning support will be made from the bursary fund directly to the College.**

Where a student is eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan and chooses not to take out the loan, the full cost of the provision of Additional Learning Support will need to be met by the student. Students taking out a partial loan will be considered for the full costs of Additional Learning Support.

## **Breakfast, Meal Deal, Books and Equipment/Miscellaneous Support, Travel, Childcare, Residential Support Applications**

To be considered for the Advanced Learner Loan Bursary for Breakfast, Meal Deal, Books and Equipment/Miscellaneous Support, Travel, Childcare, Residential Support, students **MUST** provide evidence that they meet the following criteria:

- Have been approved for and taken out an Advanced Learner Loan through Student Finance England.
- Have attended their studies for at least 2 weeks.
- Have a household income below the maximum threshold, as indicated in the “**Whose Income...**” section of this Fact Sheet.

Assessment will be based on individual students needs based on course requirements and the funds will be assessed on a first come first served basis.

### **Whose Income is taken into Account?**

If you live as a single person, including living with your parent(s), only your income will be taken into consideration. If you live with your spouse/partner your own income and that of your spouse/partner will be taken into consideration.

## **Breakfast, Meal Deal, Books and Equipment/Miscellaneous Support, Travel, Childcare, Residential Support**

To check whether you are eligible for assistance with the costs of Breakfast, Meal Deal, Books and Equipment/Miscellaneous Support, Travel, Childcare and Residential Support from the Bursary in terms of your income please see below:

### **Students without a cohabiting partner:**

#### **Income per year (gross)**

Up to £34,000

100% Assistance

### **Students with a cohabiting partner:**

#### **Income per year (gross)**

to £44,000

100% Assistance

## **Complaints**

The College has a complaints procedure for the receipt of any formal complaint.

Should you wish to make a complaint regarding an Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund Application, please contact Lesley Bryan, Learner Services Manager on 0151 477 5872, who will advise you of the complaints procedure.

**Please note that as a result of limited funding, meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee funding.**