

## 16-19 Bursary Information Sheet

### Background

In March 2011 the Government announced a new 16-19 Bursary Fund to support the most vulnerable young people to participate in and benefit from Post 16 Education and training, following the closure of the EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) Scheme. The funding is designed to help support those young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education and training Post 16.

There are two types of Bursary:

1. Vulnerable Bursary – this is a payment of up to £1,200 per year paid termly.
2. Discretionary Bursary – this is a variable amount based on each individual's circumstances and actual financial need.

The fund is intended to support students with the essential costs of participating in their study programme, so help with costs of essential books or equipment.