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**College Bursary Fund Guidance Notes 2023-3024**

This application is renewable **annually** and all funding is based on satisfactory attendance, of which funding for transport is **dependent upon attendance being 90%** at the end of each term. Due to this, bus passes are issued termly, and students need to renew their bus pass before the end of each term. This is one of the reasons why the students are asked to be involved with checking and updating their attendance every week with their tutor. Parents and Carers are asked to report absences daily to the College’s curriculum secretaries. Information on this process will be given to students at the beginning of the Autumn term. Students being involved in this process establishes the importance of attending college for succeeding in their studies, but also with the funding being correctly granted.

Please read these notes carefully before completing your application form. If you need any help completing the form or have any queries, then please contact the Student Services Team on:

01208 224460 / studentservices@callywith.ac.uk

**COMPULSORY SECTIONS:**

**SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS**

This is for the personal details of the student. If you are an Asylum Seeker, please contact the Student Services Team on one of the above numbers.

Please clearly provide parent’s email address for communication purposes.

**SECTON B: HOUSEHOLD**

**B1: About your Parents/Guardians/Parent’s Partner/Stepparent**

You must include information on all the above living in your household. Please indicate if there are siblings under the age of 19 living in the household and if any siblings are attending Callywith College (together with I.D. number) as discounts may be available for multiple applications. A partner is defined as someone you are married to/have a civil partnership with or live with as if you are married.

**B2: For Students Not Living with Parents/Guardians**

This section to be completed by independent students/independent students living with a partner.

**SECTION C: EVIDENCE**

**Please indicate who is providing the evidence by circling option 1 or 2**

1. To be completed by the parents/guardian/parent’s partner/stepparent of students living at home under the age of 19.

2. For students under 19 living independently from parent, include partner’s details if applicable.

Please provide clear, up to date COPIES of income evidence (originals cannot be returned). If you receive Working Tax Credits and/or Child Tax Credits, please provide a complete copy (all pages) of your current award.

If your award is under renewal, please mention this on the form. A provisional assessment will be made but as soon as you receive your up-to-date award it will need to be submitted for this assessment to be confirmed.

If you are not eligible for the above tax credits due to your income, please provide your most recent P60 or your last 3 months payslips.

If you are **self-employed** then you must provide your most recent Self-Assessment and/or a letter from your Accountant (on Accountant’s headed paper).

If you are in receipt of a **private pension** please provide evidence in the form of advice slips/pension statement or a bank statement.

If you are **unemployed,** we will need to see evidence from within the last six months of any benefits received from the list below, making sure that **all pages** of any benefits are provided:

Job Seekers Allowance

Employment and Support Allowance

Income Support

Housing Benefit

Universal Credit

Pension Credit

If your circumstances do not fit any of the above criteria or if you have any other income/savings not mentioned on the form, please provide details.

**NON-COMPULSORY SECTIONS:**

**SECTION D: BUS PASS - Funding available for one option only.**

**Go Cornwall Bus Pass for Callywith College**

Callywith students can buy an annual Go Cornwall bus pass at a heavily subsidised rate that not only gets you from home to college and back, but also gives you anytime (including evenings, weekends and holidays) access to all routes in Cornwall on any Go Cornwall services.

The cost of this pass can be paid in full or in three instalments.

All Callywith College students are also eligible to receive free access to shuttle services between Callywith College and Bodmin Town and between Callywith College and Bodmin Parkway Railway Station.

Callywith is able to subsidise the cost of bus transport for all and offer significant bursaries to reduce the costs for students from lower income households. We can provide bursaries to contribute towards bus pass costs based on total annual household income at the following rates:

* Less than £16,000  – Pass cost £65 with a 90% bursary discount of £585\*
	+ Three instalments- £28.00, £25.00 and £12.00
* £16,001 - £22,000  – Pass cost £195 with a 70% bursary discount of £455\*
	+ Three instalments - £85.00, £70.00 and £40.00
* £22,001 - £31,000  – Pass cost £325 with a 50% bursary discount of £325\*
	+ Three instalments - £140.00, £110.00, £75.00
* *£31,001 - £70,000 – New transitional discount for 2023-2024 with a 10% discount of £65\*\**
	+ *Three instalments - £260.00, £215.00, £110.00*
* More than £70,000 – Pass cost £650
	+ Three instalments - £275.00, £240.00 and £135.00

\*On application and **dependent upon a minimum of 90% attendance each term** for financial help the following term.

*\*\* If you are not eligible for a bursary under our existing scheme, you will be pleased to hear about our transitional discount. Following recent announcements regarding funding for Post-16 education from September and publication of new pricing for public transport in Cornwall, we have been able to add an additional 10% transitional discounts for students in households where their annual income falls outside of our existing bursary scheme. Households with an income between £31,001 and £70,000 will be eligible for a reduced annual pass price of £585 for 2023-24 once the transitional discount has been applied. Prospective students eligible for the transitional discount will be able to apply for this discount at the point of purchase and do not need to complete this form. This discount is still dependent on a minimum of 90% attendance each term.*

**Cornwall Council Bus Pass/Assisted Taxi Travel**

This form is for **funding only** towards the Council Pass/Assisted Travel, an additional on-line application must be completed, and the Cornwall Council reference number inserted on form. To see criteria for the Cornwall Council Pass please visit their website on www.cornwall.gov.uk/college transport.

**Although this bursary application is renewable annually, the bus pass is issued TERMLY as it is dependent upon 90% attendance each term. Therefore, students will need to renew their bus pass and pay the outstanding fee before the end of each term.**

**SECTION E: ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

Vulnerable learners (as defined by the Government) are eligible for a weekly bursary which is attendance based. Only **students** who can answer “yes” to any of the questions need complete this section. You must provide evidence linked to the appropriate circumstance:

**In Care** or a **Care Leaver** you must provide a letter confirming your current or previous looked-after status from the Local Authority which looks after you or provides your Learning Care Services.

If you, the student, are in receipt of **Income Support** or **Universal Credit** in your own right, we require a letter from the Benefits Agency outlining the details of your benefit.

If you are a disabled student in receipt of Universal Credit or Employment Support Allowance **AND ALSO** in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment, please provide a letter from the Benefits Agency confirming **BOTH** awards.

**SECTION F: FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

For 16 – 18-year-olds/or up to 25-year-olds in receipt of Universal Credit or Employment Support Allowance plus Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment who have a Learning Development Agreement or Education, Health Care Plan.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on **31 March 2025**.

The College runs a cashless catering system and the meal allocation of £3.00 is automatically loaded onto the student’s identity card each day that they are timetabled to be in college. It is a totally anonymous system. Please note that this amount does not carry over to the following day if not used.

**SECTION G: EQUIPMENT/DISCRETIONARY FUNDING**

Discretionary funding is available to those students who are on a low income **AND** studying a specialised course (i.e., Art, Photography or Sport) that incurs costs for course specific materials. It is not intended to cover the entire cost of course materials and students will be expected to make a contribution.

**There is no automatic entitlement to Equipment/Discretionary Funding and funding is limited**.

**SECTION H: CHILDCARE**

Students **under 20** who require childcare will need to apply direct to the Care to Learn Scheme. For further information on the Care to Learn Scheme go to [www.gov.uk/caretolearn](http://www.gov.uk/caretolearn) or contact your local Young People’s Centre.

**SECTION I: DECLARATION**

The declaration must be signed by both student and parent/guardian (where applicable). Please include the parent’s email address. It is important that you have read and understood the information.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

Please return the Bursary Application form ***together with physical copies of your income evidence*** to the Student Services Office as soon as possible. We will email you to tell you of your eligibility for funding and ways to make payment. Please note the deadline for applications to be processed in time for the start of the Autumn Term is **Friday 4th August 2023**. Applications received after this date will be processed as soon as possible with priority given to first year applications.

Please remember your application **cannot** be processed unless you complete all COMPULSORY SECTIONS of the form making sure you sign the Declaration AND provide the correct copies of your HOUSEHOLD INCOME EVIDENCE.

**POLITE REMINDER**

Any financial assistance granted is based on satisfactory **90% attendance**, as recorded on the College MIS system, and adhering to your Learning Agreement. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that their attendance record on MIS is accurate.

**This application is only valid for one year and students returning to college for the 2024/2025 academic year will need to reapply with up-to-date evidence in the Summer Term 2024 before completing their first year.**

It is the student’s responsibility to replace any lost ID Cards. ID Cards cost £5 for a replacement.

**PAYMENT DEADLINES:**

Bus passes are paid for using our online portal:[**https://intranet.truro-penwith.ac.uk/apps/external/**](https://intranet.truro-penwith.ac.uk/apps/external/)

For more information visit[**www.callwith.ac.uk/transport**](http://www.callwith.ac.uk/transport)**,** email**transport@callywith.ac.uk**or call **01208 224000.**

**AUTUMN TERM BUS PASS PAYMENT:**

Any payment due should be made by **30th August 2023.** (Bursary application due 4**th August**).

**Bursary discounts will be applied on 1st August 2023 and payments can be made after this time.**

**SPRING TERM BUS RENEWAL**:
Any payment due should be paid by 8**th December 2023**

If attendance during the Autumn Term is below **90%** students may not be eligible for the same level of help.

**SUMMER TERM BUS RENEWAL:**Any payment due should be paid by **22 March 2024**

If attendance during Spring Term is below **90%** students may not be eligible for the same level of help.