

## LEARNER SUPPORT FUND

**A range of financial support from the Learner Support Fund is available depending on your personal circumstances; if your household income is £35,000 or less including any income from means tested benefits, please complete a LSF Financial Support form.**

- **HE courses, eg HNC, HND or Degree** - please apply for support via Student Finance England [gov.uk/studentfinance](https://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)
- **Apprentices** - please contact Student Money as a different application form is required.
- **Vulnerable Bursary**, if you meet the criteria you will need to complete the Vulnerable Bursary form.

Any queries speak to either Claire or Debs in the Hex or contact us on **01524 521469/ 01524 521332** or [studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk](mailto:studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk)

## If you meet the above criteria you can apply for:

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### TRAVEL

A LSF funded Stagecoach termly bus pass is available if you live 1.5 or more miles from college AND you are on a **FULL TIME** course. A new bus pass will be issued each new term.

If you live in **Galgate or further south AND** you are on a **FULL TIME** course, you can apply for a LSF funded Stagecoach termly bus pass. You just need to complete the LSF form, but you do NOT need to provide any income or benefits evidence if you require the BUS PASS ONLY.

**Discounted** termly bus passes are available to buy from the Hex for all students not eligible for a bus pass through the Learner Support Fund.

If you live in one of the areas served by the **college bus**, you will be expected to use this free service.

If you are on a **Traineeship AND** you live 1.5 or more miles from college or your placement we can support your travel costs.

If you are an **Asylum Seeker**, please contact Student Money to discuss help with travel costs.

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### FREE LUNCH

You will qualify for a FREE lunch if you meet the above criteria and any of the following:

- If you are on a **full time course**
- If you are based on main site – you can access a free lunch for each day you are on timetable to attend college.
- If you attend **Lancaster Training Services** (LTS – Offsite) – your lunch credits will be paid direct into your bank
- If you are on a **Traineeship or a placement** – your lunch credits will be paid direct into your bank

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### COURSE EXPENSES

If your **course is 3 hours or more** each week, you will qualify for help with approved course expenses such as kit, uniform and trips. Please check with Student Money which items are approved for financial help.

You will receive an 80% refund on approved items purchased for your course and must submit receipts, signed by your tutor. Refunds will be paid at the end of the first term as long as you continue to attend your course.

Other help available includes termly art shop credits, sundries credits and costs related to UCAS applications.

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### CHILDCARE

If you are a **parent under 20** on 31st August 2021, please apply direct online to Care to Learn [gov.uk/care-to-learn](https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)

If you are a **parent aged 20 or over** on 31st August 2021 **AND your course is 3 hours or more** each week, please complete both the LSF Financial Support form AND a childcare application form – one childcare form is required for each childcare provider that you use.

*\*\*sliding scale of support dependent on income, speak to Student Money.*

We pay session rates, or a maximum £5.25/hour if your provider charges an hourly rate, term-time only, for your timetabled days. The maximum weekly contribution is £160.00 per child.

You must use an **Ofsted registered childcare** provider that accepts the free 15 and 30 hour funding for 2 and 3 year olds. If your child qualifies for the free 15 hours, these must be used for the childcare required whilst attending college. College will contribute towards the outstanding hours.

If you receive the childcare element of tax credits/UC, we are unable to fund your childcare.

**Childcare costs can only be paid from the start of the half term in which your application is approved.**

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### VULNERABLE BURSARY

If you are aged **16-18 on 31st August 2021** and you state your Student Status as one of the following categories, you will be assessed for the vulnerable bursary. This is funding up to a maximum of £1,200, available to help pay for college related costs such as kit, uniform, travel and trips. You will be assessed on an individual needs basis

#### Categories:

- *In Care (classed as a child looked after by the local authority)*
- *Care Leaver (classed as a care leaver by the local authority)*
- *In receipt of UC, financially supporting yourself, living independently or within a family unit and any dependent/s.*
- *In receipt of DLA/PIP AND UC/ESA.*

For further help please call

**01524 521469 or 01524 521 332**