

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

19+

2021/22



Stamford  
College

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**Enrolling on a College course can be expensive, therefore before you start a course, consideration should be given to costs such as; course fees, travel, equipment, uniform and childcare costs.**

Stamford College will endeavour to provide financial support to those students who face the greatest barriers to continuing with their education.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT AWARDS CAN HELP TOWARDS:

- Course Fees - Level 1 & 2
- Transport (must be over a 3 mile distance from the College) or fuel allowance.
- Free College Meals
- Compulsory course equipment, uniform or materials
- Childcare

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All students who are aged 19 and over by 31 August 2021 and studying a full-time course at Stamford College. The fund is means-tested and assessment is made on total household income (any earned income or benefits received by the household, gross not net), therefore you will be required to provide financial evidence.

# WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

## COURSE FEES - LEVEL 1 & 2

Financial help is available for students over 19 who are liable to pay fees for their course.

## COURSE FEES - LEVEL 3

Applicants who are aged 19 - 23 and already hold a full level 3 qualification (including A levels) or are 24 and over and studying a level 3 qualification must apply for an Advanced Learning Loan (ALL) to cover course fees and obtain further financial support. Additional financial support may be available through the College.

Students aged 19 or over studying a HE qualification are not eligible to apply for Financial Support. A means-tested maintenance loan may be available through Student Finance.

## TRANSPORT

Financial help towards transport costs will be paid direct to the supplier where possible. You may be expected to contribute towards these costs.

## FUEL ALLOWANCE

Financial assistance towards fuel is paid directly into your bank account each term (October, January and April). This is dependent upon 85% attendance.

## EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM

Financial help toward uniform costs is based on your gross annual household income. You may be expected to contribute towards these costs. One uniform/kit set per student will be assessed for financial support (compulsory uniform only and not optional items). All non-compulsory uniform, College trips and kit will need to be purchased at your own expense.

## CHILDCARE

Students applying for financial support with childcare must complete a Childcare Costs Application Form. Childcare is paid direct to the childcare provider to cover childcare during timetabled hours and term-time only. It is dependent upon 85% attendance. If you receive Early Years funding this must be used before any contribution is made by the College, and applies to timetabled days only.

# HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Applications for Financial Support are submitted through our online student portal where assistance can be applied for and evidence of household income uploaded.

The assessment of applications may take longer during busy periods (July-October), so please be patient. Failure to submit a fully completed form or with insufficient evidence may delay your application.

If you have a query, please email [financial.support@stamford.ac.uk](mailto:financial.support@stamford.ac.uk), we will be happy to help.

## HOW MUCH?

The College Welfare Panel decides whether you are eligible to receive this help and, if so, how much you'll receive dependant on your own circumstances and the criteria of the fund. Although we do our best, we cannot give a guarantee of support to all applicants.

## HOW IS THE AWARD PAID?

Payment will be made direct to suppliers for transport, equipment, uniform, materials and childcare costs where possible. Any payments made direct to students will be paid by BACS payment directly into the bank account. These arrangements will be outlined on your award notification.



# CRITERIA OF FUND

- Should you leave before the completion of your course you may be required to repay all or part of your award.
- You will be expected to cover the cost of travel until the financial support is awarded and will also be expected to contribute towards the cost of some of these items, even if you are awarded financial support.
- Only compulsory College trips are covered by this fund.
- Each application will be assessed and if funds are available, financial support will be allocated subject to meeting minimum College criteria. Please be aware that you might get a different level of support to other students who are on the same course.

### Household income below £16,190

- 100% support equipment
- 100% uniform
- 100% transport\*
- 100% course fees
- Childcare – maximum £5,000

### Household income £16,191 - £25,000

- 50% support equipment
- 50% uniform
- 66% transport\*
- 50% course fees
- Childcare – maximum £4,000

\*on College, Local County Council or Public Service Transport up to the value of £450

# APPEALS PROCESS

Should you wish to appeal the decision, please email us within 10 working days from the date of notification:  
**financial.support@stamford.ac.uk**

## YOUR NOTES

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**QUESTIONS?  
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**We are here  
to help.**



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