

## ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL

### 16-19 Bursary Fund 2023/2024

The St. Albans Girls' School 16-19 Bursary Fund is a scheme designed to help students facing financial hardship to continue in full time education after Year 11.

To qualify students must be aged over 16 and under 19 on the 31st August at the start of the academic year in which they start a programme of academic study. They must also be on a full time programme of study.

Payment where applicable will be made by BACS into a student's bank account each month. If a student does not have a bank account they will need to open one in order to receive their bursary payment. Payments are dependent on student attendance, conduct and application to their studies. The scheme comprises of 2 parts:

#### HIGH PRIORITY BURSARY

This bursary is up to £1,200 a year and is paid monthly to those most in need of financial support. It will be awarded to:

- Young people aged 16 and 17 in care.
- Care leavers aged 16, 17 and 18.
- Young people aged 16, 17 and 18 who are in receipt of income support or Universal credit because they are financially supporting themselves and anyone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or a partner (for example, young people who are living independently of their parents; those whose parents have died and teenage parents).
- Disabled young people in receipt of both Disability Living Allowance and Employment Support Allowance

#### DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

This bursary is available for students in need of financial support with specific costs to enable them to stay in education and complete their courses e.g. transport, equipment, fieldwork costs, protective clothing.

The bursary is split into two bands dependent on household income. Eligibility is verified by Tax credit awards or a P60:

#### Band 1 (Annual Household income of £16,000 or less)

**Students can receive:**

- Reimbursement of the cost of a Herts Saver Card, to enable them to receive discounted bus travel to and from school
- Payment for essential educational visits during the academic year
- Reimbursement of the cost of travel to up to 3 University Open Days or Post 18 Job/Apprenticeship interviews. (Upon production of travel receipts)

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**Band 2 (Annual Household income of £16,000-£24,000)**

### Students can receive:

- Partial Reimbursement of the cost of a Herts Saver Card, to enable them to receive discounted bus travel to and from school
- Partial Payment for essential educational visits during the academic year
- Partial Reimbursement of the cost of travel to up to 3 University Open Days or Post 18 Job/Apprenticeship interviews. (Upon production of travel receipts)

Students receiving any of the above bursaries will also be able to claim for additional assistance if they are taking part in certain courses with high expenditure such as Art, Food Technology, and Geography.

### ADDITIONAL HELP

Under **exceptional** circumstances students who are not automatically eligible for an award can also apply for help with one off course related expenses (proof of income or hardship will be asked for).

Applications for additional help will be considered on an individual basis and is dependent upon available funds. Please contact the Lead Practitioner of Pupil Premium (Miss Lamb) for more details.

To apply for bursary, please complete the google form shared on Google Classroom and return to Ms Taylor by Friday 22 September 2023.

Applications submitted after this date will be considered in light of available funds.