



FINANCIAL SUPPORT



TOTAL PEOPLE
LEADERS IN LEARNING®

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There are lots of ways we can help to support you financially as you start on your learning and training journey with us.

We've listed the different funds that you could be eligible for and what you need to do to apply.

Types of Funding Available:

1. Vulnerable Bursary
2. Discretionary Bursary
3. Free School Meals Funding
4. Funding for Childcare
5. Hardship Fund

Bursary funding

What is a Bursary?

Bursaries can help to support you during your learning and training. We offer two different types, a Vulnerable Bursary and a Discretionary Bursary.

To be eligible for either, you must:

- Be living in the UK and have lived in the UK for at least three years prior to the course starting
- Be 16, 17 or 18 at the end of August, or Aged 19 and continuing the course started when aged 16 to 18
- Or have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Be undertaking a Skills for Work and Life course

No bursary is guaranteed, the bursary is awarded on an individual application.



VULNERABLE BURSARY

This is a payment of up to £1,200 per year.

You can apply for this bursary if you are:

- A young person in care
- A care leaver
- In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in your own right
- In receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in your own right as well as Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit

Those who do not qualify for the vulnerable bursary may be entitled to a discretionary bursary.

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

This is a payment that you'll be able to use to pay for travel costs to one of our training centres or to your work experience placement.

You can apply for this bursary if your annual household income is £28,000 or less.

You will need to provide us with evidence of your household income by showing one of the following:

- P60s
- Credits Award notice showing income
- IPayslip (if this shows income for the year)
- Employment History for 2019/20 from HMRC
- Out-of-work benefits letter less than 3 months old. If older, please supply a current bank statement showing any benefits are still live
- Latest verified accounts of Self Employment



Free School Meals Funding

You might be entitled to funding to cover the cost of a meal for each day that you attend your course or work placement.

You could be eligible if you or your parents receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC))
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



FUNDING FOR CHILDCARE

If you are a learner under the age of 20 and have one or more children, you can apply for the Care to Learn scheme to help with the cost of childcare.

You can get Care to Learn if you are a parent under the age of 20 at the start of your course and:

- You are the main carer for your child
- You live in England
- You are either a British citizen or a national of a European Economic Area
- Your course qualifies
- Your childcare provider is registered with Ofsted

Your childcare provider is paid from the beginning of your course if you apply either:

- Before your course starts
- Within 28 days of starting your course
- If you apply after that, your childcare provider will only be paid from the beginning of the week that your application was received

Childcare funding is not administered by us and you will need to apply directly to Care to Learn, www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

HARDSHIP FUND

Total People has a hardship fund for learners who are experiencing 'barriers to learning' due to exceptional circumstances leading to financial difficulties and will grant payments to support learners to continue in their education.

All applications for this fund are reviewed by a panel, are discretionary and awarded on an individual basis.

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How to apply for financial support

- You can call us at any point during your enquiries to discuss financial support with our team
- If you decide to join one of our courses, your designated learner coach will advise and help you to apply for financial support during enrolment, as long as you are eligible
- If you would like more information, you can call our team at any point on 03333 222 666