Reflections Training Academy

NEXT LEVEL

Full-Time Programme Learner Support Bursary Information

WHAT IS THE 16-19 BURSARY?

The 16-19 bursary is here to help with the essential costs of participating in the study programme. It's designed to support learners in overcoming financial barriers so they can continue and complete their education. Bursary funding is provided to cover the actual costs incurred while participate in the programme.

Application Process

1. Financial Needs Assessment: Every bursary application must go through a financial needs assessment based on individual learner needs. You'll need to provide evidence of your financial situation.
2. Eligibility Criteria: Meeting the criteria does not automatically guarantee support. Each case is assessed individually.

Who Can Apply?

- Age Requirement: Learners must be between 16 and 19 years old.
  - If you are 19, you must be under 19 on 31st August 2026 in the academic year you start the programme.
- Special Provision: Learners who are 19 or over can also apply if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Full support will be provided during the application process, so please reach out if you think you are eligible.

AVAILABLE BURSAIRES

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS APPLY

- **DISCRETIONARY BURSARY**
- **VULNERABLE BURSARY**
- **FREE MEALS**
- **CARE TO LEARN**
- **TRAVEL**

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be between 16 and under 19 on 31st August 2026 (in the academic year they start).
- Can be 19 or over with an EHCP.
- Must meet the residency criteria as per the funding rules.
- Must have an annual household income of £32,000 or less.

What It Covers:

- Transport
- Meals
- Books
- Uniform
- Equipment

Examples of Evidence Required:

- P60s, self-employed accounts, wage slips, letter from DWP or Universal Credit, copies of online statements.

VULNERABLE BURSARY

Eligibility Criteria:

- Learners who are in care.
- Care leavers.
- Receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves and/or someone is dependent on them and living with them.
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right.

What It Covers:

- Transport
- Meals
- Books
- Uniform
- Equipment

Examples of Documentation Required:

- Evidence showing that the student is eligible (e.g., a letter from DWP or the local authority, a copy of the tenancy agreement, or a copy of the student's online Universal Credit statement).

TRAVEL

Travel Support for Discretionary and Vulnerable Bursaries
Eligibility Criteria:

- All learners eligible for a bursary and claiming for travel support must live more than 2 miles away from the Training Academy.

What It Covers:

- eTicket for bus travel.
- Paper ticket for bus travel.
- Travel by train.
- Travel for work placements.

Requirements for Claiming:

- Learners must keep receipts and hand them in to the Training Academy to claim this support.

FREE MEALS

Eligibility Criteria:

- Learners must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31st August 2026 (or in the academic year they start). If continuing on a full-time programme beyond 19 they must have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan.
- Must be in receipt of, or have parents in receipt of, one of the following benefits:
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - Households in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance or the guarantee element of Pension Credit may also be entitled.
  - Universal Credit

What It Covers:

- Meal voucher for lunch on days that they attend the training academy and work placement.

CARE TO LEARN

Eligibility Criteria:

- Young parents (defined as those aged under 20) continuing in education after the birth of a child.

What It Covers:

- Childcare costs.
- Additional travel costs involved in taking the child to the childcare provider.

Requirements:

- Young parents must complete and submit an application form for each year of their study programme.
- May be awarded up to a maximum of £180 per child per week, paid directly to the childcare provider, based on attendance to the training programme only.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- For full bursary guidance, the Reflections and Next Level bursary policy is readily available on both of our websites.
  - https://www.reflectionstraining.co.uk/policies/
  - https://www.nextleveltraining.uk.com/policies/

OUR FULL-TIME PROGRAMMES

- Leve 1 Certificate in Hairdressing & Barbering (Reflections Training Academy)
- Level 2 Certificate in Women's Hairdressing (Reflections Training Academy)
- Level 2 Certificate in Barbering (Reflections Training Academy)
- Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing (Reflections Training Academy)
- Level 3 Diploma in Barbering (Reflections Training Academy

- Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (Next Level Training)
- Level 3 Certificate in "The Principles of Online & Offline Marketing" (Next Level Training)