



Get Prepared for your Funding Application

When filling in Bursary/EMA applications you will need information from a number of documents about your personal circumstances. You will need to contact external agencies for some of the information. Work through the different steps below to help identify the documents you need.

All applicants need



1 form of identification – acceptable forms of ID are a birth certificate, passport, driving licence, or National Entitlement Card



your own bank account – if you don't have one please see a bank or building society now to ensure your account is active before you start college.

What is your employment status?

Employed?

we need
3 current payslips.

Receiving DWP Benefits?

we need
a copy of your current benefit letter
or, if getting Universal Credit provide
2 copies of your Universal Credit
Statements.

No Income?

we need
a written statement confirming
you have no income from benefits
or employment with bank
statements to support this.

What is your age & relationship status?

over 18

we need
a written statement
confirming
full employment,
unemployment
& education history from
1st August 2012
to present day with
no gaps.

single, under 25 and supporting yourself from employment or benefits

we need
evidence of how you have supported yourself for any 3 years, e.g.
P60 from employment or a letter from HMRC confirming employment details
or letter from DWP confirming your benefits for this period
or a copy of your formal rent agreement for any 3 years.

under 25, married or in an established relationship

we need
Council Tax Demand Notice 2018/19 showing both names
or joint tax credit award notice 2018/19 (all pages)
or joint benefit award letter
or marriage/civil partnership certificate
or rent/mortgage agreement/utility bill with both names.

single, under 25 and caring for a child

we need
your 2018/19 tax credit award notice (all pages)
your child's birth certificate.



What are your living arrangements?

Do you live with your parents?

we need

proof of household income (including the income of your parent and also step-parent or parent's partner – P60s from their employers for the 2017/18 tax year, P60U from DWP to provide evidence of annual amount received in benefits for tax year 2017/18,

or if they are self-employed the SA302 from HMRC for 2017/18. If this is not agreed yet the agreed SA302 for 2016/17 and a written estimate of income from self-employment for 2017/18.

If your parent is single, a copy of their Council Tax Demand Notice for 2018/19 showing single person discount or a letter from the council Tax office confirming who lives in the household.

Plus your parents' tax credit award notice for 2018/19 if receiving tax credits.

If any siblings in the household, we will require their birth certificates.

Do you live alone?

we need

your Council Tax Demand Notice for 2018/19 showing 25% single discount

or a letter from your local authority confirming who lives in the household.



Do you live with a partner?

we need

evidence of their income e.g. P60s from their employers for the 2017/18 tax year, P60U from DWP to provide evidence of annual amount received in benefits for tax year 2017/18,

or if they are self-employed the SA302 from HMRC for 2017/18. If this is not yet agreed, the agreed SA302 for 2016/17 and a written estimate of income from self-employment for 2017/18.

Your joint tax credit award notice for 2018/19 if receiving tax credits.

Your joint Council Tax Demand notice for 2018/19.



Finally, ...

Have you ever been Care Experienced?

(e.g. Registered Care, Foster Care, Kinship Care or under a Home Supervision order)

We need a letter from your social worker to confirm. If you do not have ID proof, your social worker can confirm your date of birth in this letter.

Is anyone in the household currently studying full-time or due to in session 2018/19?

We need a copy of their award letter from SAAS or the institution they are studying at.

Do you have a Travel Concessionary Card?

We need a copy of your card.

Are you a EU National but been ordinarily resident in UK for 3 years or more?

We will require a letter from your Local Authority confirming where you have lived for the 3 years immediately before starting your course.

Are you a migrant worker or family member of a migrant worker?

We need the migrant worker's employment contract and 3 of your/their most recent payslips. If the migrant worker is your spouse, we also need a marriage certificate.

Useful numbers

HMRC – **0300 200 33 00**

Carer's Allowance – **0845 608 43 21**

DWP – **0800 055 6688**

It could take up to **6 weeks** for these **agencies** to send you the required **documentation** so **act NOW!**