

Professional Pathways Maintenance Allowance (PPMA)

Needham's Foundation Bursary

Academic Year

2026 – 2027

This is the application form for the Professional Pathway Maintenance Allowance (PPMA).

The Professional Pathway Maintenance Allowance is available to you if you met the following criteria

- at the time of application, attending a school within the City of Ely, or to have been resident within the City of Ely for at least two years at the time of application.
- in receipt of the Pupil Premium during your secondary education or become eligible for free school meals during your sixth form study.

If you do not meet the criteria for this bursary, you should apply for the 16–19 Discretionary or Vulnerable bursary.

How to make an application

Please complete this application form either on paper or by completing the online version of the form and submitting it by email and returning it to Belinda Lennon blennon@bishoplaney.org. They can also answer any questions you might have about the bursary.

We expect to allocate most of our bursary funds at the start of the academic year and so it is important that you submit the form by the date shown below.

Deadline for applications FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Further applications can be made during the academic year, though please note that available funds may be limited.

How we can support you and how we will provide support

In most cases, financial support is provided in the form of materials, books, equipment and catering account credit. Where monetary payments are made directly to students, these will be as reimbursements and will be made by BACS transfer, to a bank account held in your name. In such cases, bank details will be requested once a bursary has been awarded.

The Professional Pathways Maintenance Allowance is to help you with your education related costs.	
Transport costs	Remember that transport cost reimbursements will be adjusted to reflect attendance in the month prior to payment.
Course books	We can provide course textbook(s) and revision guide(s) as selected by the course teaching staff, for each course that you study, or you can purchase these yourself from your monthly payment of up to £100.
Stationery pack	We will provide a pack of stationery including folders, lined paper and pens etc. replenished termly, with the option of a calculator if required or you can purchase what you require yourself from your monthly payment of up to £100.
Equipment	You might need equipment or tools for your course, e.g. a graphical calculator, art materials or equipment for practical work. We could provide this or alternatively a loaned laptop, for the duration of your course.
Specialist clothing	Any specialist clothing required for your courses, such as safety boots or items branded with the sixth form's name or logo.
Meal costs	You will be able to choose to spend some of your monthly payment of up to £100 on food at our catering outlet.

Information provided by you, or the adult(s) that you live with

All information provided to us is held securely and processed only for the purpose of assessing eligibility for and administering student financial support. The processing is covered by the Privacy Notices for the Meridian Trust which can be found at <https://www.meridiantrust.co.uk/key-information/gdpr/>

Please detach this page before submitting your application and keep for your information.

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Application

Academic Year	2026 – 2027
Eligibility (please check all that apply)	
☐ I attended a school within the City of Ely during Year 11	
☐ I have been resident within the City of Ely for at least two years at the time of application	
☐ I received Pupil Premium (PP) during my secondary education or have since become eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)* *a check will be made to confirm	
Student's Personal Details	
Surname	Click or tap here to enter text.
Forename	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Birth	Click or tap to enter a date.
Year Group (2026/27)	☐ Year 12 ☐ Year 13
Student's Contact Details	
Main home address	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Click or tap here to enter text.
Main home postcode	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mobile phone	Click or tap here to enter text.
Study Programme Details	
Courses leading to qualifications (e.g. A Level History)	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Click or tap here to enter text.
Enrichment, sporting or other activities	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Click or tap here to enter text.

Bursary fund eligibility		
1. Receiving free school meals in education (known as free school meals) A check will be made with your home local authority to confirm this status.		
Free meals	☐ Yes, I am currently eligible for and receive free meals	
Home local authority	Click or tap here to enter text.	
How the bursary will be used (please select all options which apply)		
Transport costs	☐ Bus ☐ Train ☐ Car / motorcycle	
	Travel from / to	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Expected weekly cost	£ Click or tap here to enter text.
Course books	☐ Selected textbook(s) and revision guide(s) for each course	
Stationery pack	☐ Stationery pack ☐ Stationery pack with calculator	
Equipment	☐ Please give details of other equipment required ☐ Laptop (loan)	
Specialist clothing	☐ Please give details of the specialist clothing required	
Meal costs	☐	
Student's Bank Details		
These details will be used to make any monetary payments as part of your support from the bursary fund and must be details of a bank account held your name.		
Account holder's name	This should be your name, usually as shown on a debit card	
Bank/Building society	This is the name of your bank or building society, e.g. Barclays	
These details can often be found on a debit card or the online account for your bank / building society		
Sort code	This is usually a 6 – digit number in the format xx-xx-xx	
Account number	This is usually an 8 – digit number	
Building Society Roll No.	This will only be required for some Building Society accounts	

Information to read before submitting your application

Please read the conduct, attendance and punctuality conditions which can be found on the bursary page on our website [Financial Support](#). If you have any questions about your application, you should contact Belinda Lennon blennon@bishoplaney.org and ensure you are happy with any response, before submitting this application.

The information you provide on this form will be used to assess your eligibility. This information and all supporting evidence provided will be treated as confidential. If eligible, your student record, accessible to staff, will indicate that you receive a bursary, but not the details of your eligibility or household income.

Declaration

Please sign below to confirm that you accept the declaration.

If you submit your application by email, you can type your full name in the signature space, and you will be asked to sign a printed copy of the application before it is processed.

- I can confirm that I have read and understood the bursary scheme information, the information on this page and the conduct, attendance and punctuality conditions.
- I have been able to ask any questions about the bursary scheme and am happy with the answers that I have received.
- I can confirm that all the information provided on this form is correct.
- I understand that this application does not guarantee access to bursary funds.
- I understand that any equipment loaned to me as part of the bursary scheme must be returned when I complete my programme or withdraw from the sixth form.
- I understand that I must adhere to the conditions of the bursary, including the conduct, attendance and punctuality conditions which are set out on the sixth form's website, and that if I do not adhere to these conditions, **I may not receive bursary payments, or the value of any payments may be reduced.**
- I understand that any payments will be made to a bank account in my name.
- I understand that if I leave before completing my programme, I will not be eligible to receive further support from the Bursary.
- I understand that my information is being held by Meridian Trust in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and may be shared with other bodies administering public funds to determine the support available and, also for the prevention and detection of fraud in connection with this bursary application.

Student signature

Date

Click or tap to enter a date.

Additional information

If you wish to provide any additional information in support of this bursary application, please use this space.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Parent / Carer Declaration

Please sign below to confirm that you accept the declaration.

If the application is to be submitted by email, you can type your full name in the signature space, and you will be provided with a copy of the declaration once the application is processed.

The information you have provided on this form will be used to assess the eligibility of the young person named on this form for the Discretionary Bursary. All information and evidence provided will be treated as confidential.

- I can confirm that all the information on this form and evidence provided is correct.
- I understand that this form does not guarantee entitlement to the bursary fund.
- I understand that the young person must adhere to the terms and conditions of the fund, including the behaviour, attendance and punctuality expectations which are set out on the sixth form's website, and that if they do not adhere to these conditions, bursary payments may be withdrawn, or the value of any payment may be reduced.
- I understand that all payment must be made directly into a bank account held in the young person's name.
- I understand that if the young person leaves Bishop Laney Sixth Form during the academic year, they will not be eligible to receive further payments from the Bursary.

Parent / carer signature	
Date	Click or tap to enter a date.

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Application Review	
Date application received	
Evidence supplied	☐ Yes ☐ No
Checks completed	☐ Yes ☐ No
Application successful	☐ Yes ☐ No
Additional notes	
Application checked by	
Bursary Award approved by	