

Professional Pathways Maintenance Allowance (PPMA)

Guidance Notes

Overview

The Professional Pathways Maintenance Allowance (PPMA) is provided by the Needhams Foundation.

It is to support young people from less-advantaged backgrounds into high-quality local apprenticeships or Higher Education by helping them overcome the individual barriers to participation.

There is a total of ten bursaries available to be awarded each academic year.

Eligibility

Essential Qualifying criteria

You must be:

- 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.

AND

- in receipt of the Pupil Premium during your secondary education or become eligible for free school meals during your sixth form study.

Awarding Criteria

Awards will be made to the ten highest scoring students using the following points-based criteria:

Level of Study Programme (for mixed levels the highest is used)	Level 3 10 points Level 2 7 points
Subjects being studied (points for each subject)	H&SC; Accounting, Science, Maths; Computer Science, Business Enterprise 10 points Hairdressing; Beauty 7 points All other courses 3 points
Entitlement to other forms of support	Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the Discretionary/Vulnerable bursary 10 points Students who do meet the eligibility requirements for the Discretionary/Vulnerable bursary 3 points

Should the point scoring criteria not allow sufficient differentiation between eligible applications, students may be invited to discuss their application.

Support from the bursary scheme

You can access help with things like:

- The costs of travelling to sixth form
- Necessary stationery and equipment
- Course textbooks and revision guides
- Food whilst you are at sixth form.

A full list can be found on the application form.

The bursary is not intended to fund:

- Extra-curricular activities
- Non-essential activities
- Living costs
- Learning support including counselling or mentoring

Applying for support from a bursary

Bursary application forms are available in the sixth form office or can be downloaded from the sixth form's website. In all cases, you will need to say what support you think you need.

All information and requests will be treated as confidential

For more information

If you have any questions about the Professional Pathways Maintenance Allowance, you can contact Belinda Lennon blennon@bishoplaney.org