

## Self-Supporting Bursary

If you are not yet 25 years old, your parent or guardian's income will not be taken into consideration and you will be awarded independently, only if one of the following applies:

- You have no living parents
- You are officially estranged from your parents
- You are caring for a child dependent on you
- You have supported yourself financially for periods totalling a minimum of three full years before the start of the course and have earned more than £4,000 per year

The maximum you will be awarded is:

Self-Supporting Bursary	£125.55 per week
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## Basic Evidence Required

<b>Self-Supporting</b>
ID – Birth Certificate, Passport, Driving licence, MyFife card, NHS medical card.
Proof of your address – Official letter addressed to student cannot be from Fife college
3 years proof of self-supporting – P60s showing earning of over 4 thousand per year and/or Benefit claim in your own name.
Tax Credit Award – For year 2024/2025 please make sure to send all pages.
P60 – Covering April 2023 – March 2024 for partner
Council Tax Notification – 2024 - If single person
Benefit Letter/screen shot of at least 6 Months Universal Credit award showing Name, Address and all elements awarded (this includes deductions)
ID of Dependent Children – Birth certificates, Passport, Driving licence, NHS medical Card or MyFife card
Child benefits Award letter

We may ask for additional Evidence depending on your circumstances.

Please note that periods where you have been in full-time education are unable to be taken into account when trying to prove self-supporting status.

## Travel Expenses

If you are awarded a Bursary, your award might also include travel. To be eligible, you must live out with a 2-mile radius from the campus you will be studying at. Please check out our website for bus ticket explanation.

If you will remain under 22 for the duration of your course you should apply for an NEC card which provides free bus travel throughout Scotland. If you reach the age of 22 during your course you may be eligible to be awarded travel only from your 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. You should apply for the NEC card to cover the period while you are under 22 as no travel funding will be provided by Fife College. <https://getyournec.scot/nec/>

### Under 22s

The Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme for Under 22s means anyone under the age of 22 is entitled to free bus travel. Student will need a new or replacement National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Young Scot NEC) to travel for free by bus. You can apply for the card on the following webpage [getyournec.scot](https://getyournec.scot)

Once you have your new or replacement card you can register this with the College and it will act as your Student ID card allowing you access to Chromebooks and quick printing on campus.

### Over 22s

If you are aged 22 years old or over on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2024, the travel award is subject to an assessment of household income and you need to live more than two miles away as the crow flies (in a straight line) from the College campus and not be in receipt of DLA/PIP or Adult/Child disability payment mobility element.

The travelling expenses are based on the cheapest form of public transport available. The annual amount is based on Student Tickets and calculated on term time attendance.

Travel is only paid for the time that you are travelling to College.

For more information on bus tickets, please visit the Stagecoach [website](#) and select Student Tickets for your location.

## Contact Information

Our aim is to support every individual who seeks to further their education. You can make an appointment to see one of our Funding Team if you need assistance with your funding application or have any questions regarding funding. These bookable appointments can be made by either calling the main college number on **0344 248 0115** or emailing [studentfunding@fife.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@fife.ac.uk)