

Schools and Colleges Membership

Bursary 2025-26

The University is offering eligible students a £1,000 bursary if they are from Schools and Colleges Membership Plus, London, South East or Midlands schools and colleges, progressing to an undergraduate course at the University of Essex in October 2025.

Students eligible for the Schools and Colleges Membership Bursary are those from partner schools or colleges (listed below).

Schools Membership Plus

Attleborough Academy	King Edmund School
Basildon Upper Academy	Long Road Sixth Form College
Brentwood County High School	New Rickstone's Academy
Cecil Jones Academy	Northgate Sixth Form
Chelmsford College	Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form
Clacton Coastal Academy	USP College (unified Seevic Palmers College)
Clacton County High School (Sigma Sixth Tending)	Plume School
Colchester County High School For Girls	South Essex College
Colchester Institute	Suffolk New College
Copleston High School Ipswich	One Sixth Form College, Suffolk (Suffolk One)
East Norfolk Sixth Form Centre	Tending Technology College
Greensward Academy	The FitzWimarc School
Harwich and Dovercourt High School	The Philip Morant School and College (Sigma Sixth Colchester)
Havering Sixth Form College	The Sandon School
Hedingham School & Sixth Form	The Sixth Form College Colchester
Hylands School	Thomas Gainsborough School
Jo Richardson Community School	Thurstable School Sports College & Sixth Form Centre

Schools Membership London

All Saints Catholic School & Technology College
Barking and Dagenham College
Barnet and Southgate College
Beal High School
Beths Grammar School
BSix Brooke House Sixth Form College
Christ the King Sixth Form College: Aquinas
Christ The King Sixth Form College: Emmanuel
Christ the King Sixth Form College: St Mary's
City and Islington College, CANDI Sixth Form College
City of London Academy, Southwark
City of Westminster College
Dagenham Park Church of England School
Haringey Sixth Form College

Highlands School
Kingston College
Leyton VI Form College
New City College: Epping Forest
New City College: Redbridge
Newham College of Further Education
Newham Sixth Form College (NEWVIC)
Oaks Park High School
Sir George Monoux College
Southgate School
St Angela's Ursuline School
St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College
Thomas Tallis School
Uxbridge College
Westminster Kingsway College

Schools Membership South East

(BHASVIC) Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College
(HSDC) Havant and South Downs College
Andover College
Barton Peveril College
Bexhill College, Bexhill on Sea
Brockenhurst College
Cheam High School
Chichester College

Hayes School
Langley Park School for Girls
North Kent College (Tonbridge, Dartford and Gravesend campuses)
Northbrook College
Peter Symonds College
Portsmouth College
Queen Mary's College
Reading College

Schools Membership South East

Collyers VI Form College

East Sussex College (Eastbourne, Lewes and Hastings campuses)

Esher College

Glyn School

Godalming College

Greater Brighton Metropolitan College

Harris Academy Merton

Reigate College

Strode's College

The Langley Park School for Boys

The Sixth Form College Farnborough

Townley Grammar School

Varndean College

Woking College

Worthing College

Schools Membership Midlands

Arthur Terry School

Bilborough Sixth Form College

Birmingham Ormiston Academy

Boston College

Cadbury Sixth Form College

Caludon Castle Business & Enterprise

Coventry College

Halesowen College

High Pavement Sixth Form (Nottingham College)

John Port Spencer Academy

Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College

King Edward VI College, Stourbridge

Leicester College

Loughborough College

Moulton College

Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (Newcastle and Stafford Campus)

Northampton College

Northampton School for Boys

Nottingham College

Rawlins Academy

Solihull College & University Centre

Solihull Sixth Form College

Stamford College

Sutton Coldfield College (Birmingham Met College)

The Beauchamp College

The Ferrers School

The Priory Academy LST

Toot Hill College

Vision West Nottingham College

Wolverhampton Girls' High School

Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College (WQE Leicester)

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- This bursary is restricted to students who have completed their studies at one of our Schools and Colleges Membership Plus, London, South East or Midlands schools/colleges in academic year 2025-26 (noted in the tables above).
- Students must be progressing directly from their studies at one of the named schools/colleges listed above.
- Students must register for their first year of a full-time undergraduate degree** at the University of Essex in October 2025-26.
- UCAS applicants must actively make Essex their firm choice by 12 September 2025. Applicants that become firm with Essex through rejection by their original firm choice selection elsewhere are not eligible. Direct applicants via Clearing must actively accept their offer and make Essex their firm choice by 12 September 2025.
- This bursary may be held in conjunction with other University of Essex awards, including but not limited to:
 - Essex Futures Bursary 2025-26;
 - Essex Preparation Programme Bursary 2025-26.
- This scholarship/bursary is available for the first year of study at undergraduate level in 2025-26 only.
- Successful recipients should be available for promotional activities.

**Courses leading to the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degree, Bachelors Degree, Integrated Masters (four years)

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for this scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students undertaking a degree that is normally delivered wholly online.
- Students awarded the scholarship who defer entry to following academic years will be ineligible to receive the award and will be considered in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Students transferring into the second year from another UK higher education institution.

- Students directly continuing from one course to another (for example from Foundation degree or HND on to the final year of an honours degree).
- Students who are fully or partly sponsored by their government or other external agency and are not required to make any repayments (this does not include VISA sponsorship)

How to apply

If applicants meet all the eligibility criteria, they will automatically be identified via the school or college listed on the undergraduate application form (UCAS or direct). Successful students will be contacted via email by the end of September 2025.

Payment arrangements

- The bursary is worth £1,000 for the first year of study in 2025-26 only. Payment will be made in two instalments, usually in February and May by bank transfer. Students are required to open a UK bank account to receive payment. We will contact all successful students by email before the payment date to request that bank details are entered into My Essex to ensure that payment can be made.
- Students must be registered and meet the above conditions to receive payment.
- Please note that if our records show that debt is owed to the University when an award payment is due, the payment will be offset against the student account in the first instance, and any balance remaining will be paid.

Bursary suspension

The bursary will be suspended during a period of approved leave of absence (intermission) where this period covers a whole or part of an academic year and may be reinstated on return to full-time study subject to the conditions above. On return to study, students will be entitled to the balance of the bursary for the stage. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the [Funding Team](#) in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. In cases not covered by the above terms and conditions, or where a student claims exceptional circumstances, or disputes a decision not to make payments due under an award, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the [Student Complaints process](#). The Academic Registrar or their nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2025-26. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.