

**Hardship Fund/Access  
to Learning Fund**

The Pearson College Student Hardship Fund/Access to Learning Fund is a discretionary fund available to help students who have made realistic provisions to finance their studies and have experienced unforeseen financial hardship. Awards are generally made in the region of £250.00, although in exceptional circumstances a larger award may be made. Applicants may be students in any school and in any year of their programme of study.

**What can the Fund Pay for?**

Meeting particular costs which are not already being met from statutory or other sources of funding, for example, childcare, travel, books, field trips, and costs for some students with additional support needs.

Provide emergency payments to meet unexpected financial crises, for example, repairs to essential household equipment, travel costs for family bereavement or illness, hardship due to burglary or fire.

Help a student who may be considering leaving higher education because of funding problems, for example, with regular living costs such as rent, food and utility bills.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must be enrolled in a recognised degree or diploma programme of study. Applicants must usually have paid their tuition fees in full or be up to date with their instalment payment plan.

Applicants must normally have completed a minimum of one term of their current programme at Pearson College.

**Eligible Applicants Must Demonstrate:**

- That they have made realistic provision to cover their tuition fees, living expenses and course materials before entering Pearson College
- Why their financial resources have become inadequate for unforeseen reasons
- How they have attempted to meet their financial need from other available sources.

**How to Make an Application**

The completed application form should be returned to Student Services, together with supporting evidence. Please note you may be asked to attend an interview. Awards are made in a single payment.

Unsuccessful applications cannot be appealed.