

## National Scholarship Programme

The Government has announced details of the National Scholarship Programme which from September 2012 will provide students from disadvantaged backgrounds help with the cost of attending university. Each university will design its own scholarship scheme.

At Guildford College, Scholarships for eligible Higher Education will be worth at least £3,000 for those studying a full-time course (pro rata for part-time students).

### Eligibility:

Students in receipt of a Merrist Wood College Scholarship will have a household income of under £25,000 and all full-time students will be required to be in receipt of a full Student Finance England Maintenance Grant. Part-time students will be asked to prove their household income, as Student Finance England will no longer be conducting means tested assessments.

In order to build upon the Aimhigher legacy of raising the aspirations and developing the abilities of young people from under-represented communities, who overwhelmingly are from lower socio-economic groups and disadvantaged backgrounds and in accordance with our Widening Participation Strategic Assessment, Merrist Wood College Scholarship students should also demonstrate that they are from one or more of the following priority groups:

- Looked-after by a local authority or care leavers
- Special Learning Difficulty or Disability (SLDD)
- No family history of HE (Parent/Guardian) and low socio-economic parental occupation
- Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities
- Travellers or refugee communities
- Disadvantaged socio-economic areas as identified by POLAR2 methodology.

Students who have been identified as being from an Aimhigher background whilst at school or college will be encouraged to apply.

The Scholarship will be administered in 3 stages, at the end of the each academic term and will be dependent upon a satisfactory attendance record.

**Please note that as there is very limited funding, there will be a maximum of 15 Scholarships to award to full-time students and 9 to part-time students.**

### Application:

Details of how to apply for the National Scholarship Programme will be made available from spring 2012.

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