

Bursary and Finance information

Approach Social Work bursary

As student trainees, year one participants receive a bursary to contribute to living and travel costs associated with completing the first year of the programme. It is expected that individuals starting Approach Social Work have set aside adequate financial provision to cover any additional costs that may be incurred throughout the duration of the programme.

The bursary is paid in **13 monthly instalments**:

- Participants based **outside of London** local authorities will be paid a total bursary of **£18,000**.
- Participants **based in London** local authorities will be paid a total bursary of **£20,000**.

The bursary is usually paid on the 1st working day of each month.

Effect on other benefits

The bursary may affect your eligibility for other benefits or financial support. Below is an overview of what you may or may not be able to claim. Please note this is only intended to give an indication and participants are expected to do their own research into different benefits and eligibility.

Financial support	Eligible in year 1
Student loan through Student Finance England	No
Universal credit	Unlikely
30 hours free childcare	No
Carers allowance	No
Council tax discount	Yes
Disabled student's allowance (DSA)	Yes (if applicable)

Additional financial assistance

Frontline recognises that in exceptional circumstances additional financial assistance may be required. There are a limited number of financial assistance schemes that participants can apply for during their first year, and more information can be found in the [Bursary and financial policy](#). There is no guarantee of the outcome of applications and these funds **should not be relied upon** in advance of starting the programme.

Years two and three

No bursary is paid in year two and year three of Approach Social Work when participants are employees of the local authority and will be receiving a salary.

Due to salary payments being subject to local authority payment dates, you will need to factor in a transition from bursary to salary and make provisions for this. Most local authorities start their pay run from the 15th of the month onwards.

For more detail, please refer to the [Pay, progression and financial support page](#) of the Frontline website and the [Bursary and financial policy](#).