



Post-16 Transport – Low Income Families 2026/2027 Academic Year

To qualify for 'low income' Post-16 transport assistance students **MUST**:

- Be under the age of 19 years on 1 September 2026 and;
- Have applied for a full time course (a minimum of 17 hours per week) and;
- Live over 2 miles from their nearest suitable or catchment 6th form; or
- Live over 2 miles from their nearest college offering the vocational area they are studying.



Is your parent/carer in receipt of one of the following:

- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods);
- From the beginning of the 2026/27 academic year, there will be two categories of benefits-based free school meals:
 - Targeted FSM – for pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of no more than £7,400.
 - Expanded FSM – for pupils who do not qualify for Targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

Evidence submitted should be relevant to the 2026/2027 financial year.

Yes



Apply for transport assistance via the Student Support Fund via the Home to School Transport Team.. Please complete an application form and enclose a copy of the relevant evidence.

No



Contact your school or college to see if they would be able to assist you with your transport arrangements.

Application forms and a copy of the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2026/2027 can be downloaded from our website: www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

or by contacting: Integrated Home to School Transport Team
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