

### A GUIDE TO FUNDING FOR FURTHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

Financial Support can be essential to allow you to study and the team at Student Services are here to advise you. We will help you to apply for all funding that you are eligible for. We may need to see personal documents in order to help you. We work closely with EMA Wales/Student Finance Wales and deal with applications in strict confidence. We will always ask you if we need to share any information about you.

**Please note that all funding is linked to attendance and conduct in college.**

#### EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) assists eligible 16-18 year old students to attend College.

You may be eligible for a £30 EMA every week if you are aged 16, 17 or 18 years old on 31st August 2019 and live in Wales, studying full time or at least 12 hours per week in College:

- if you are the only young person in full-time education in your household and your household income is £20,817 or less, then you could receive £30 weekly
- if there are other young people in your household who are under 16 and are eligible for Child Benefit and your household income is less than £23,078, then you could receive £30 weekly
- if there are other young people in your household who are aged 16-20, in full-time education and are eligible for Child Benefit and your household income is less than £23,078 then you could receive £30 weekly.

**EMA payments will be stopped in cases of unauthorised absence/unacceptable behaviour**

- Higher Education and work based learning students are NOT eligible
- you must be on a course with 12 guided hours per week minimum, lasting for 10 weeks minimum
- you must hold UK/EU nationality and have three years continuous residency in the UK, or refugee status
- Application forms are available from school, or Student Services at NPTC Group of Colleges or you may download one from [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

#### WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (WGLG)

You may be eligible for a WGLG :

- You are 19 or more by 31 August 2019, and are studying full- or part-time on a course of 275 or more contact hours per year, leading to a recognised, eligible, qualification
- You must live in Wales and be progressing on your course
- You must live in a household with an annual income of under £18,370 per year.

**WGLG payments will be suspended in cases of unacceptable attendance rates.**

#### FINANCIAL CONTINGENCY FUND (FCF)

##### What is the Financial Contingency Fund?

The FCF is a fund that may provide financial help to make it easier/affordable for you to attend College. The College is given an amount of money every year to spend (amount variable year to year). Once the money in the fund is gone, it's gone. So application forms need to be handed in as early as possible.

##### What can the FCF help with?

Included may be in the costs of:

- childcare
- transport costs
- course equipment
- meals in College
- College lodgings

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply for financial help from the FCF providing you are a student enrolled at the College, full-time or part-time, studying a minimum of 275 hours per year. You will need to apply and be awarded either an EMA or WGLG as these are your main sources of funding. Application forms are available from Student Services at enrolment at the end of August. Completed forms need to be returned to Student Services. For further information, please do not hesitate to call into Student Services, or alternatively phone: 01639 648711 (Neath students) or 01686 614599 (Powys students). We will be happy to help.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

This is funding available for full-time students who have a learning difficulty, to help them in the classroom. The award depends on the particular need and related equipment requirements. Students should contact the College's Learning Support team on 01686 614295 for courses on the Powys Campuses and 01639 648551 for courses on the Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Campuses.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT LOANS

Applicants must be 18 or older, and not entitled to any other financial support. The course must lead to an approved qualification and can be full- or part-time, or distance-learning, lasting no longer than two years (three years if there is a year's practical experience included). You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 but must start to repay the loan as soon as the course is finished. Apply to: 0800 100 900, or [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans).

## GETTING TO COLLEGE

You are eligible for a subsidised bus pass if you satisfy all the criteria below:

- You are a full time student under 19 on 31st August 2019; and you live within the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot or within the County of Swansea or the County of Powys; and you live more than three miles from the Campus where you study.

If you live out of the County, then you must apply to your local County Borough Council for help with transport costs in the first instance. However, in the meantime you may be issued with a temporary bus pass.

You will be advised of the contribution you will be expected to pay towards the cost of the subsidised bus pass (if eligible) in the information pack we will send you in July.

In Powys, you are eligible for a free bus pass if you satisfy the criteria below:

- You are a full time student under 19 on 31st August 2019 and you live within the County of Powys; and you live more than three miles from the Campus where you study.
- You can also apply for a free 'My Travel Pass', which allows 1/3 off travel costs on all buses in Wales - please visit [www.mytravelpass.gov.wales](http://www.mytravelpass.gov.wales) for further information

If you are over 19, or you live in another county, please ask Student Services for information about help with travel costs.

As soon as you reach 16 you can apply for a 'My Travel Pass', which allows 1/3 off travel costs on all buses in Wales, including your travel to college.

The scheme is open to young people aged 16-21 years, please visit [www.mytravelpass.gov.wales](http://www.mytravelpass.gov.wales) for further information.

First Cymru also offer a range of ticket options to suit your travel needs and allow flexibility of travel on the local bus service. Please visit [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com) to view the ticket options.

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## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

If you have any suggestions about how we can improve this information or the services we offer to students, please contact one of our Student Services managers:

\***Mandy Mellor 01639 648033** or \***Rosemary Denham 01686 614202.**

EMA and WGLG information 0300 200 4050

Swansea LEA: 01792 636000

Bridgend LEA: 01656 643643

Carmarthenshire LEA: 01267 763580

Neath Port Talbot LEA: 01639 763659

Powys LEA: 01597 826000

Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund:

1PJ Benefits information:

Tax credits information:

[www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

[www.swansea.gov.uk](http://www.swansea.gov.uk)

[www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk)

[www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

[www.neath-porttalbot.gov.uk](http://www.neath-porttalbot.gov.uk)

[www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk)

Director of Education, NPTCBC, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ

[www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk)

[www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk](http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk)

The Educational Grants Directory and the Charities Digest may direct students to lesser known funding sources - both available in public libraries.

If you would like this information in a different format, or in Welsh, please contact us on the above numbers.\*

This information was correct at the time of printing November 2018 but subject to change - please check with Student Services.

### CANLLAW I GYLLID AR GYFER MYFYRWYR ADDYSG BELLACH

Gall Cymorth Ariannol fod yn hanfodol er mwyn eich galluogi i astudio ac mae'r tîm yng Ngwasanaethau Myfyrwyr yma i roi cyngor i chi. Byddwn yn eich helpu i ymgeisio am unrhyw gyllid sydd ar gael i chi. Efallai y bydd angen i ni weld dogfennau personol er mwyn eich helpu chi. Rydym yn gweithio'n agos gyda LCA Cymru a Chyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru ac rydym yn delio â phob cais mewn dull hollol gyfrinachol. Byddwn bob amser yn gofyn am eich caniatâd os oes angen i ni rannu unrhyw wybodaeth amdanoch chi.

**Sylwch os gwelwch yn dda fod unrhyw gyllid yn amodol ar bresenoldeb ac ymddygiad derbyniol yn y coleg.**

#### LWFANS CYNHALIAETH ADDYSG (LCA)

Mae'r Lwfans Cynhaliaeth Addysg yn galluogi myfyrwyr cymwys rhwng 16 a18 oed i fynychu' Coleg.

Gallech fod yn gymwys i dderbyn LCA o £30 bob wythnos os ydych yn 16,17 neu 18 oed ar 31 Awst 2019 a'ch bod yn byw yng Nghymru ac mae rhaid i chi fod ar raglen astudio amser llawn neu dreulio o leiaf 12 awr cyswllt yr wythnos yn y Coleg:

- os mai chi yw'r unig berson ifanc mewn addysg amser llawn yn eich cartref a bod incwm eich cartref yn £20,817 neu lai, yna gallech dderbyn £30 yr wythnos
- os oes rhagor o bobl ifanc yn eich cartref sydd o dan 16 oed ac sy'n gymwys i gael Budd-dal Plant a bod incwm eich cartref yn llai na £23,078, yna gallech dderbyn £30 yr wythnos
- os oes rhagor o bobl ifanc yn eich cartref sy'n 16-20 oed, mewn addysg amser llawn ac sy'n gymwys i gael Budd-dal Plant a bod incwm eich cartref yn llai na £23,078, yna gallech dderbyn £30 yr wythnos.

Bydd taliadau LCA yn cael eu hatal yn achos absenoldeb heb ganiatâd/ymddygiad annerbyniol.

- NID yw cyrsiau Addysg Uwch neu raglenni dysgu seiliedig ar waith yn gymwys
- rhaid i chi fod ar raglen astudio ag isafswm o 12 awr cyswllt yr wythnos, am o leiaf 10 wythnos
- rhaid i chi fod yn ddinesydd y DU/UE sydd wedi bod yn breswylwr yn y DU am o leiaf 3 blynedd neu'n meddu ar statws ffoadur.
- Mae ffurflenni cais ar gael oddi wrth eich Ysgol uwchradd, Gwasanaethau Myfyrwyr, Grŵp Colegau NPTC neu gallwch lawrlwytho ffurflen gais oddi ar y wefan ganlynol:  
**[www.cyllidmyfyrwrcymru.co.uk](http://www.cyllidmyfyrwrcymru.co.uk)**

#### GRANT DYSGU LLYWODRAETH CYMRU (GDLIC)

Gallech fod yn gymwys i dderbyn GDLIC:

- Os ydych yn 19 oed neu drosodd ar 31 Awst 2019 ac os ydych yn astudio cwrs amser llawn neu ran-amser am o leiaf 275 awr y flwyddyn a fydd yn arwain at gymhwyster cymwys a chydabyddedig.
- Rhaid i chi fyw yng Nghymru a gwneud cynnydd ar eich cwrs
- Rhaid i chi fyw mewn cartref lle y mae'r incwm blynyddol yn llai na £18,370 y flwyddyn.

Bydd taliadau GDLIC yn cael eu hatal os yw'ch cyfradd bresenoldeb yn annerbyniol.

#### CRONFA ARIANNOL WRTH GEFN ('FCF')

**Beth yw'r Gronfa Ariannol wrth Gefn?**

Mae'r Gronfa Ariannol wrth Gefn yn gronfa a all gynnig cymorth ariannol er mwyn ei wneud yn haws/mwy fforddiadwy i chi ddod i'r Coleg. Mae'r Coleg yn derbyn swm o arian i'w wario bob blwyddyn. (Mae'r swm yn amrywio o flwyddyn i flwyddyn). Unwaith i'r arian yn y gronfa ddiflanu, ni fydd rhagor. Felly fe ddylid cyflwyno ffurflenni cais cyn gynted â phosibl.

**I beth gall y Gronfa Cymorth i Fyfrwyr gael ei defnyddio?**

- gofal plant
- cyfarpar sy'n gysylltiedig â'r cwrs
- prydau o fwyd yn y coleg
- treuliau teithio
- Lletyau'r Coleg

#### PWY ALL WNEUD CAIS?

Gallwch wneud cais i dderbyn cymorth ariannol gan y Gronfa Ariannol wrth Gefn os ydych yn fyfyrwr yn y Coleg sydd wedi'i gofrestru am y flwyddyn academaidd rhan-amser neu amser llawn, sy'n astudio am o leiaf 275 awr y flwyddyn. Sut bynnag, cyn i chi wneud cais am y gronfa, bydd gofyn i chi wneud cais am LCA neu GDLIC am eu bod yn cynrychioli eich prif ffynhonnell ariannu. Bydd ffurflenni cais ar gael yng Ngwasanaethau Myfyrwyr ar adeg y cofrestrïadau ar ddiwedd mis Awst. Bydd angen anfon unrhyw ffurflenni wedi'u cwblhau i Wasanaethau Myfyrwyr. I gael rhagor o fanylion, mae croeso i chi alw heibio i Wasanaethau Myfyrwyr, neu ffonwch: 01639 648711 (myfyrwyr Castell-nedd) neu 01686 614599 (myfyrwyr Powys). Fe fyddwn yn falch o'ch helpu chi.

## CYLLID YCHWANEGOL

Mae'r cyllid hwn ar gael i fyfyrwyr amser llawn ag anghawster dysgu, i'w helpu yn yr ystafell ddosbarth. Mae'r arian yn dibynnu ar anghenion yr unigolyn a'r gofynion cysylltiedig o ran cyfarpar. Dylai myfyrwyr gysylltu â Thîm Cefnogaeth Ddysgu'r Coleg ar 01686 614295 am gyrsiau yng Nghampysau Powys a 01639 648552 am gyrsiau yng Nghampysau Castell-nedd Port Talbot ac Abertawe.

## BENTHYCIADAU DATBLYGU GYRFAOEDD

Rhaid i ymgeiswyr fod yn 18 oed neu'n hŷn heb fod yn gymwys i dderbyn unrhyw gymorth ariannol arall. Rhaid i'r cwrs arwain at gymhwyster cydnabyddedig a gall fod yn gwrs amser llawn neu ran-amser, neu astudiaethau dysgu o bell sy'n para am 2 flynedd neu lai (3 blynedd os oes elfen o brofiad ymarferol fel rhan o'r cwrs). Gallwch fenthylg rhwng £300 a £10,000 ond rhaid i chi ddechrau ad-dalu'r benthyciad unwaith i'r cwrs ddod i'w ben. Ymgeisiwch: 0800 100 900, neu [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans)

## TEITHIO I'R COLEG

Rydych yn gymwys i dderbyn cerdyn bws cymorthdaledig os ydych yn bodloni'r meini prawf isod:

- Os ydych yn fyfyrwr amser llawn o dan 19 oed ar 31 Awst 2019; os ydych yn byw yng Nghyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot neu Abertawe neu Bowys ac o leiaf 3 milltir o'r Campws yr ydych yn ei fynychu.

Os ydych yn byw y tu allan i'r Sir, mae rhaid i chi wneud cais i'ch Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol am gymorth gyda chostau teithio yn y lle cyntaf. Sut bynnag, efallai yn y cyfamser, byddwch yn derbyn cerdyn bws dros dro.

Byddwch yn cael gwybodaeth am y cyfraniad y bydd eisiau i chi ei wneud at gost y cerdyn bws cymorthdaledig (os yn gymwys) yn y pecyn gwybodaeth a fydd yn cael ei anfon atoch ym mis Gorffennaf.

Ym Mhowys, rydych yn gymwys i gael cerdyn bws am ddim os ydych yn bodloni'r meini prawf isod:

- Os ydych yn fyfyrwr llawn amser o dan 19 oed ar 31 Awst 2019, os ydych yn byw o fewn Sir Powys; ac os ydych yn byw mwy na thair milltir o'r campws lle yr ydych yn astudio.
- Gallwch hefyd wneud cais am 'Fy ngherdyn teithio', am ddim, sy'n caniatáu: 1/3 oddi ar gostau teithio ar bob bws yng Nghymru

Ewch i [www.fyngherdynteithio.llyw.cymru](http://www.fyngherdynteithio.llyw.cymru) am ragor o fanylion.

Os ydych dros 19 oed, neu os ydych yn byw mewn sir arall, gofynnwch i Wasanaethau Myfyrwyr am wybodaeth am gymorth gyda chostau teithio.

Unwaith i chi gyrraedd 16 oed, gallwch wneud cais am 'Fy ngherdyn teithio', sy'n caniatáu i 1/3 oddi ar gostau teithio ar bob bws yng Nghymru, yn cynnwys teithio i'r coleg.

Mae'r cynllun yn agored i bobl ifanc rhwng 16-21 oed, os gwelwch yn dda. Ewch i [www.fyngherdynteithio](http://www.fyngherdynteithio) am ragor o fanylion.

Mae First Cymru hefyd yn cynnig amrywiaeth o docynnau gwahanol i ddiwallu eich anghenion teithio a chaniatáu hysblygrwydd o ran teithio ar y gwasanaeth bws lleol. Ewch i [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com) i weld y dewisiadau o ran tocynnau.

## RHIFAU CYSWLLT DEFNYDDIOL

Os oes gennych unrhyw awgrymiadau ynglŷn â sut gallwn wella'r wybodaeth hon neu'r gwasanaethau sydd ar gael i fyfyrwyr, cysylltwch ag un o'n Rheolwyr Gwasanaethau Myfyrwyr:

**\*Mandy Mellor 01639 648033 neu \*Rosemary Denham 01686 614202.**

**Gwybodaeth LCA (EMA) a GDIC (WGLG) 0300 200 4050 [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)**

**AAI Abertawe: 01792 636000 [www.swansea.gov.uk](http://www.swansea.gov.uk)**

**AAI Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr: 01656 643643 [www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk)**

**AAI Sir Gaerfyrddin: 01267 763580 [www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk)**

**AAI Castell-nedd Port Talbot: 01639 763659 [www.neath-porttalbot.gov.uk](http://www.neath-porttalbot.gov.uk)**

**AAI Powys: 01597 826000 [www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk)**

**Cronfa Ymddiriedolaeth Addysg Bellach Morgannwg: Cyfarwyddwr Addysg, CBSCT, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ**

**Gwybodaeth am Fudd-daliadau: [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk)**

**Gwybodaeth am Gredydau Treth: [www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk](http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk)**

Gall y Cyfeirlyfr o Grantiau Addysgol a'r Crynhoad o Elusennau gyfeirio myfyrwyr ar ffynonellau cyllido llai cyfarwydd – mae'r ddwy gyfrol ar gael mewn llyfrgelloedd cyhoeddus.

\*Roedd yr wybodaeth hon yn gywir ar adeg argraffu ym mis Tachwedd 2018 ond gall yr wybodaeth gael ei newid - gwiriwch gyda Gwasanaethau Myfyrwyr os gwelwch yn dda.