



**Dorset
Community
Foundation**

Raising funds for those most in need

DCF Bursary Fund

2023/2024

Impact Report

Students Funded in 2023/24

The DCF Bursary fund awarded bursaries to 81 students in 2023/24. All students were in financial disadvantage, and some faced additional issues such as those with disabled parents, those with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, those not living with parents/guardians, care leavers, refugees, and young carers. (An anonymised list of all students funded in 2023/24 is provided in appendix 1)

We are able to make these grants available thanks to historic Trust Transfers and the generosity of private donors who want to support young people to fulfil their potential. The requests for funding are always more than we can award so Dorset Community Foundation is keen to speak to individuals, companies or charitable trusts who feel they may be able to help us support more students in need in future years.

Evaluation forms

At the completion of the academic year, we send evaluation forms to the students we have supported, in order to understand what difference, the bursaries have made to their lives and education, and to offer an opportunity to provide feedback about the bursary scheme. 37 out of the 81 students who were awarded a bursary completed the evaluation forms.

Out of the 37 responses:

- 72% would not have been able to attend college without the bursary.
- 97% would have struggled to attend college without the bursary.

Student comments:

'My parents have been struggling financially with the cost of living crisis and had to attend a local food bank, not having to worry about my travel costs have reduced their stress and mine. My mental health has struggled this year but coming into college and working with the animals has helped my anxiety levels.'

Without the bursary I would not have been able to complete my first year.

The vast majority of my coursework was done on PowerPoint, and much of my research completed online. We don't spend enough time in college to enable us to complete this volume of work on the college computers. I would not have been able to afford a full year of bus fares and the college. Food is much more expensive than I expected it to be so the bursary helping Towards these costs was invaluable.

Having the laptop gave me complete autonomy over my studies.

[Because of the bursary] I have been able to get a job as a Conservation Ranger following my studies of Wildlife, Ecology and Conservation. My mental health was eased knowing I had some support.

I have now got the grades to go to further study at Uni.

I have been conditionally accepted at university to study Midwifery. This would not have been achievable without my college course and exam results. The DCF bursary has removed the added stress of my mum finding extra money for my bus travel.

It has taken the financial burden off my family. Helping me to focus on my studies. I will be able to get a job or go to university with the qualifications.

I have been able to see changes in my knowledge of my subject and I have been able to get to and from school on time and safely.

The application form was straightforward and easy. The extras money has greatly helped me and family in all aspects of our lives.

[The DCF Bursary] Relieves pressure and stress of being able to get to college and help my mum and dad, help pick my little sister up if they're in pain or not well and it stops any worrying. I am set on being a nurse, hopefully I finish and can go on to university or some line of work that my course assists.

[Being funded a] the college bus pass has saved my family hundreds of pounds.

[with the DCF Bursary] I am able to attend my classes and complete the work which is set. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to complete the work.

I just want to say thank you so much for helping me better my future.

Appendix 1 - Students Funded in 2023/24

	College	Course	Amount awarded
1	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£1,057.38
2	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£979.00
3	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£979.00
4	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£516.00
5	Kingston Maurward College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£89.50
6	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£579.00
7	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£360.00
8	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£664.00
9	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£400.00
10	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£679.00
11	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£883.08
12	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£929.99
13	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£1,000.00
14	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£720.00
15	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£1,000.00
16	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£379.00
17	The Blandford school	2023/2024 - Round 1	£279.00
18	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£1,040.36
19	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£432.00
20	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£279.00
21	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£802.00

22	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£1,000.00
23	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£238.30
24	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£279.00
25	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 1	£1,000.00
26	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£1,000.00
27	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£796.60
28	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£723.00
29	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£1,000.00
30	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£1,000.00
31	Kingston Maurward College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£652.50
32	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£529.00
33	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£996.60
34	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£279.00
35	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£922.99
36	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£849.00
37	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£111.65
38	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£849.00
39	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£279.00
40	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£979.00
41	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£305.99
42	Kingston Maurward College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£80.50
43	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£279.00
44	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£279.00
45	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£900.00
46	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£759.00
47	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£408.00
48	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£255.00
49	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£1,000.00
50	Wiltshire College (Salisbury)	2023/2024 - Round 2	£849.00

51	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£279.00
52	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£279.00
53	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£756.00
54	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 2	£484.24
55	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 3	£529.00
56	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 3	£779.00
57	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£229.00
58	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 3	£175.00
59	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£849.00
60	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 3	£175.00
61	The Blandford school	2023/2024 - Round 3	£229.00
62	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£289.00
63	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£600.00
64	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£229.00
65	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 3	£175.00
66	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£929.00
67	Kingston Maurward College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£229.00
68	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 3	£72.00
69	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 3	£604.00
70	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£1,040.00
71	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£850.00
72	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£644.80
73	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£121.99
74	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£1,000.00
75	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£565.00
76	Brockenhurst College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£982.80
77	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 4	£708.00
78	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£777.00
79	Bournemouth and Poole College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£325.00
80	The Bourne Academy	2023/2024 - Round 4	£600.00
81	Weymouth College	2023/2024 - Round 4	£229.00

Appendix 2 - Amount awarded broken down by college

College	Amount awarded	Number of students supported	Average spent per student
Bournemouth and Poole College	£24,879.31	40	£621.98
Brockenhurst College	£11,043.48	13	£849.50
Kingston Maurward College	£1,051.50	4	£262.88
The Blandford School	£508.00	2	£254.00
The Bourne Academy	£3,745.00	8	£468.13
Weymouth College	£6,304.98	13	£485.00
Wiltshire College (Salisbury)	£849.00	1	£849.00
Totals	£48,381.27	81	