



NMITE **Engineer** in **Here**fordshire Bursary

About

NMITE's **Engineer** in **Here**fordshire Bursary is a high-level bursary which offers a transformative opportunity to Herefordshire-based individuals who might not otherwise come into Higher Education.

This bursary is open to new NMITE students who are not yet registered on a course.

Bursary Level per individual:

Up to £9,000 per year of study.

The Bursary will be applied as credit towards tuition fees OR accommodation.

Number available for February 2023:

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Closing date

17 February 2023

Bursary Criteria:

To be considered for the **Engineer** in **Here**fordshire Bursary, applicants must:

- i. Hold a formal offer to study at NMITE; AND
- ii. Have lived within Herefordshire (Herefordshire postcode) for over five years; AND
- iii. meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Have a household income less than or equal to £25,000 pa
 - Be the first in their family to access Higher Education
 - Are receiving Free School Meals
 - Have caring responsibilities
 - Be care-experienced (i.e. have lived in public care or as a looked-after child, including with foster carers under local authority, in a residential children's home, or have been adopted after being in care)
 - Be able to otherwise demonstrate financial hardship and social disadvantage



Application and Selection Process:

Application Process:

1. Make an application to study at NMITE through UCAS (or directly through our website)
2. You will be notified if your application to study at NMITE is successful. At this stage, you will be notified about any financial awards that are available for you to apply for. Please note that while you may apply for more than one financial award, you can only be in receipt of one.
3. To apply for the **Engineer in Herefordshire** Bursary, you must write a personal statement of up to 500 words outlining your current financial circumstances and the difference this bursary will make to you.
4. You must also submit the additional evidence detailed below.
- 5. Please email your application to bursaries@nmite.ac.uk by 17 February 2023.**
6. Your application will be submitted to the Financial Awards Committee who will make a decision based on the information supplied.
7. You will be notified of the decision within one week of the closing date.
8. You must have formally enrolled on to your course at NMITE in order to be awarded the bursary.
9. If you choose to accept the bursary, you will be asked to sign a Financial Award Agreement and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the bursary.

Evidence

Sufficient evidence to demonstrate that applicants meet criteria will be required. This will be in the form of the following:

Criteria	Evidence
Live within Herefordshire (Herefordshire postcode) for over five years;	Proof of addresses for past five years
Have a household income less than or equal to £25,000	Evidence from payslips or other means of income
Be the first in your family to access Higher Education. This means that neither of your parents have received a Higher Level qualification.	A letter of trust, signed by a witness declaring that you are the first in your family to attend high education. Your witness must:



<p>You count as being first in family to access Higher Education even if the following people have accessed Higher Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your foster parents• Your care workers• Your brother or sister• Your biological parents (if you are adopted)• A parent with whom you have had no contact during your secondary and post-16 education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• have known you and be able to identify you. They may be a friend, neighbour or colleague.• work in (or be retired from) a recognised profession
Receiving Free School Meals	Letter from school
Have caring responsibilities	<p>Evidence could take the form of either :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Department for Work and Pensions Allowance statement confirming you've received a carers' allowance in the past, and this has now ceased• a letter confirming your role and responsibilities caring for that person from an appropriate third party who is close to the situation – this could be your GP, support worker, social services, or a local authority
Be care-experienced	Evidence from local authority