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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA): Year 2011/12
Your learner reference number <<learner ref number>>

<<young person forename>> << young person surname>>
date of birth << young person dob>>

Dear <<young person forename>>

In March 2011 the Government confirmed that the EMA scheme is to close this summer, and announced a new **16-19 Bursary Fund**, together with transitional arrangements to help some students who are part-way through their studies.

We are sorry to tell you that, because you applied for EMA in 2010/11 and were assessed as eligible for EMA at less than £30, you will not receive payments under the transitional arrangements.

However, there will be a new **16-19 Bursary Fund** to help support those young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education or training. Young people in care, care leavers, or in receipt of income support, and disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, will be eligible for a bursary of £1,200 a year. Schools, academies, colleges and training providers may then use their discretion to make awards to other young people facing financial barriers. You should speak to your school, academy, college or training provider if you think you may fall into the first group, or to access a discretionary award.

For more advice or information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund, speak to student support services or your tutor, or go to **www.direct.gov.uk/16-19bursary**

If you need further advice or information about EMA, visit our website at **www.direct.gov.uk/ema** or call us on **0800 121 8989**. Please have your learner reference number ready when you call, this can be found at the top of this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Learner Support Service

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