



St Teilo's Church in Wales High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Teilo Sant yr Eglwys yng Nghymru

Sixth Form:

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

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EMA explained...

This information is provided by Student Finance Wales.

What is EMA?

Education Maintenance Allowance – EMA – is an income-assessed weekly allowance of £30 to help students with the cost of further education. It is paid every two weeks directly into the student's bank account.

It provides young people, who wish to continue in education after school leaving age, with an incentive to earn awards through good attendance and achieving agreed objectives.

Receipt of EMA will not affect any benefits which are currently paid to your household.

Do I qualify for EMA?

EMA is for 16 to 18 year olds living in Wales, who want to continue their education after school leaving age. If you're eligible, you could get £30 a week, paid every two weeks.

Before you apply for EMA there are few things you will need to check to make sure you qualify.

Date of Birth - you must be 16-18 years old on 31 August 2018

Course - you must be studying at a participating school or college on an 'eligible' course

Household Income - this must be below a certain level to receive EMA

Nationality and Residency – If you are a UK citizen living in Wales you should be eligible for EMA.

What evidence do I need to send in for EMA?

You must provide evidence of your household income for the prior tax year 2016-17. If the student lives independently of you they must provide evidence of their own household income.

If your household income has permanently dropped since tax year 2016-17, you can be assessed using your current household income. You would still need to complete the application form providing your tax year 2016-17 information and evidence. In addition you should send a letter with your completed form asking to be assessed on your current year income along with evidence of your current year income and details of when the change took place.

Further information, including information on how to apply, can be found by visiting the Student Finance Wales website: <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe/ema.aspx>