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Student Financial Support for the Biodynamic Organic Agriculture Training (BTEC National Certificate in Agriculture)

The Biodynamic Organic Agriculture Training is a full-time BTEC National Certificate (level 3) course, accredited by Edexcel. Emerson College offers this course in cooperation with Plumpton College in Lewes and you will register with both colleges.

Farmers' Contributions

During the course you will do placements between April and August. We have a list of farmers who have agreed to either pay you an hourly wage or to make a £1000 (possibly £2000 in the second year) contribution towards your tuition fees at the end of your placement.

Saturday Work

Many students work during the weekend. There are plenty of jobs in the village and the usual wage is £5 per hour.

Students might be eligible for the following grant and loan schemes:

Adult Learning Grant

Up to £30 per week during term time.

Find out more at: <http://www.learndirect-advice.co.uk/featured/alg/>

Learner Support Fund

Find out more on: <http://www.learndirect-advice.co.uk/featured/learnsf/>

Fee waiving

If you are receiving benefits (Jobseeker's Allowance, etc) you won't be required to pay tuition fees at all. Find out more from Arjen Huese at Emerson College.

Childcare Support Fund

Find out more on: <http://www.lifelonglearning.co.uk/moneytolearn/>

Career Development Loan

You can borrow up to £8,000 in the form of a Career Development Loan. You don't pay interest during the time that you're on the course.

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Find out more on:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/CareerDevelopmentLoans/fs/en>

Other useful websites: www.dfes.gov.uk

Grant-making Trusts

There are hundreds of trusts that make grants for schoolchildren and students in financial need. Some have very specific aims (eg. awarding grants only to children of parents with a certain profession or students living in a certain city or county) but there are some more general trusts as well.

Find out your eligibility on the following website: <http://www.egas-online.org.uk/fwa/trustsearch.htm>

Student Fund Agriculture

The Student Fund Agriculture is a fund, based at Emerson College, which helps students with their fees if all other means have been unsuccessful. For more information and application forms please contact Arjen Huese at 01342-822238 or arjen.huese@emerson.org.uk

Agriculture Development Fund

The Agriculture Development Fund is a fund, based at Emerson College, which supports students from developing countries with grants to cover tuition fees and maintenance. For more information and application forms please contact Arjen Huese at 01342-822238 or arjen.huese@emerson.org.uk

Example

Tuition fees European, inclusive accommodation and meals	£ 3782
Reduction for full payment on arrival	£ 150
Adult Learning Grant *)	£ 1020
Farmer's Contribution *)	£ 1000
Saturday work during term 1 and 2 (24 weeks x 8 hours x £5)	£ 960
Left over	£ 652

*) Emerson College demands advance payment to qualify for the £150 reduction

The remaining £652 can be borrowed as a Career Development Loan or you save the amount in the Summer before you start.

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