



# Summer 2021

## Bursary Information

Hi,

The challenges of the past year have left many families in a different financial situation and we recognise that, for some young people and their families, the single participation fee of £50 may be a barrier for your teen taking part this summer and we want to do more to ensure that nobody misses out due to financial reasons alone.

### Who is eligible for a bursary?

We have criteria that has been established to allow us to communicate to the groups of young people (and their parents/ guardians/ trusted adults) who may be in a position to benefit most. Individuals can be considered eligible for a bursary funded place on NCS if;

- They are currently eligible for free school meals (Whether they are given or not).
- They are in, or have recently left care of the local authority.
- They have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- They are a young Carer.

### What does a bursary cover?

The NCS bursary will cover up to 80% of the participation contribution fee of £50, which means the cost is reduced to as little as £10 for the entire programme. This isn't offered to everyone, only those in the eligibility criteria set above.

### How do I access the bursary scheme?

The quickest and simplest way to access this is to first register your teens interest in taking part at [wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs](https://wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs) then wait for our call where you can discuss the bursary scheme.

Alternatively, you can phone our contact centre on **0800 197 8010** and complete the process all in one.

### What does NCS look like this year?

For obvious reasons, NCS is different this year to previous and all information can be found on our website.

The NCS experience offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful this year with 2 or 3 weeks of their summer break.

Our 3 week NCS will start with an epic adventure in the New Forest, in Hampshire. A week dedicated to being in the outdoors and taking part in lots of fun but challenging activities such as kayaking, ropes courses and an expedition. Young people will be camping and will have the chance to choose who they share a tent with and have plenty of time in the evenings to relax and get to know new friends.



The second week will be based locally and filled with activities to help develop lots of new skills and build on friendships. These activities will include exploring the world of work and enterprise, understanding and having the tools to use their voice to create change, finding out more about mental health and resilience, meeting different charities to find out more about the local area and lots more.

The last week of NCS will be about using the skills and knowledge gained to make a real difference in the community. In their teams, they will create a project to support a cause they care about. They'll decide who and how they want to help, whilst our staff will be on hand to support them. We've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings.

We are also offering a non-residential version this summer that is only 2 weeks long. The programme is very similar but without the first residential week, meaning that it will all take place locally. We will run some awesome team challenges during the first week to help teens get to know their team.

This summer, we've got a few start dates you can choose from:

- **5th July – 3 week programme**
- **19th July – 3 week programme**
- **26th July – 2 week programme**
- **9th August – 2 week programme**

Go to **[wearencs.com](https://wearencs.com)** to sign up, or for more information, frequently asked questions can be found at [wearencs.com/faqs](https://wearencs.com/faqs). Alternatively, if you have any questions or don't think these dates will work with your summer plans, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out: **0800 197 8010**.

Please be assured that we are working to government guidelines and advice in relation to Coronavirus and we will keep you updated with what we are doing. *If guidelines change and residential stays are not permitted, the 3 week NCS programme will have the residential aspect removed, and will follow the 2 week format, starting on the second week.* You will have the opportunity to meet the staff before your teen starts their experience, meaning you have the chance to ask any questions, and ease any concerns you may have.

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS this summer!

Warm wishes,  
Your local NCS Team  
National Citizen Service Trust

Your teen will hopefully have heard about NCS in school either virtually or in person by the NCS team, and if they are interested we'll ask them to sign up online at [wearencs.com](https://wearencs.com). If your teen does want to register their interest in taking part in NCS this summer, we will ask them to share your contact details. This is so that we can complete the administrative process required to get them signed up to a programme date. If they do let us know they're interested, we'll be in touch with you by email or phone to run through the steps we need to complete their booking.