



# Financial support for education and training

## **16–19 years – continuing at school or going to college**

You are eligible to claim the **16–19 Bursary**. This is intended to help you pay for such things as clothing/books/other equipment needed for your course, transport to school or college, course trips, lunch at college. The bursary is worth up to £1200. Your school or college might pay it to you directly, or they might use it to buy you the things you need.

For more information, see <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>

## **Apprenticeship bursary**

The Government has announced that from August 2018, care leavers starting an apprenticeship will be eligible for a one-off payment of £1000 to help with the costs associated with starting work.

## **Higher education**

Care leavers who go to University are eligible for a Higher Education Bursary of £2000 paid by their Local Authority. This is usually paid in instalments throughout the course.

The Local Authority might provide further assistance with transport costs, required course equipment costs, accommodation (particularly in the holidays) and any furniture requirements. This will be in accordance with their policies at the time, and might involve accessing all or part of the Leaving Care Grant/Setting Up Home Allowance.

You will be expected to apply for student loans in the same way as all other university students.



## **Grants from charitable organisations**

There are a small number of charitable organisations that award small grants to care leavers, and you can request financial support for specific education/training costs such as essential course equipment or academic trips, if your Local Authority cannot provide the support. Follow these links:

<http://www.sparkfoundation.org.uk/>

[http://www.thecareleaversfoundation.org/About\\_Grants](http://www.thecareleaversfoundation.org/About_Grants)

<https://www.capstonecareleaverstrust.org/>