



University Funding for Care Leavers

If you decide to go to University, you will have to pay 'tuition fees' to the University for your course (this is up to £9250 per year*) and pay for your accommodation and other living expenses. You can apply for loans and bursaries to help with these costs:

- If you are a care leaver and under 25 years old when you go to University, you will be given at least £2000 by your Local Authority which you do not have to pay back. This might be in a lump sum (at the start of the course) or in 'instalments' (e.g. at the beginning of each term or year of the course). You do not need to pay this money back. Your Social Worker will help you claim this money.
- You can apply to Student Finance England for 2 loans
 - You can apply for a 'tuition fees loan' to cover your tuition fees.
 - You can apply for a 'maintenance loan' to help with your living expenses.

You have to pay these loans back in instalments when you start work and are earning above a level set each year.

There are additional grants available for students with disabilities or who have low income.

- Universities often have their own bursary schemes to assist students in hardship/special circumstances, and will often provide additional financial support to care leavers.

Visit www.sfengland.slc.co.uk for more information about how Student Finance England can help you.

*figure correct at April 2018