Primary Carers Bursary



Overview

The bursary is intended to assist full-time undergraduate students who have responsibility as primary carer for a dependent adult that will continue whilst they are studying. The amount payable will be 1,500 per academic year. Assessment of eligibility will be revisited in each year of your course that you wish to be considered for the bursary.

Eligibility Criteria

You may be entitled to the Primary Carers Bursary, provided that you meet four essential criteria:

- 1. You must provide evidence* that you have responsibility as primary carer for a dependent adult.
- 2. You provide a copy of your Student Finance Entitlement Summary Letter from Student Finance England for the current academic year, demonstrating an assessed household income less than £25,000 per annum.
- You must remain fully enrolled on a full-time undergraduate course up to the payment of each instalment of the bursary in each academic year that you are assessed as eligible for the bursary.

Application Process

If you have indicated that you have responsibility as primary carer for a dependent adult on your online enrolment, we will contact you to advise of possible eligibility for the bursary. You will need to complete an online form which is available via MyHub

If you did not tick the relevant box during online enrolment then you should us, including the information detailed above, and they will ensure you are considered for the bursary.

Evidence

In order to qualify for the Primary Carers Bursary, you are required to provide supporting documentary evidence to confirm your status as a recognised primary carer. Ideally this will be a copy of your most recent Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Carers Allowance statement/letter, however, if you don't have this, you must provide evidence detailing your role in providing care.

This will need to be on headed paper from one of the following sources:

- Carers Support Group
- Social Services / Local Authority
- NHS or Private Support Worker for the person receiving care
- A letter from your GP

If you have any questions about the supporting evidence, please contact us.

Please note that all applicants are required to provide up to date evidence of their current caring responsibilities at the beginning of each academic year before any bursary payment is made.

Payment

Payment of any assessed bursary award will be made in two equal instalments directly into your nominated bank account. Payment is made in late November and late February, on the basis that you remain enrolled on your course. It is your responsibility to advise us of any change to your bank details at least a fortnight ahead of any award payment date.

General

If you are in receipt of a Primary Carers Bursary you may be eligible to receive other scholarships, bursaries or discounts offered by the University.

The University retains the right to vary these terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.

If you have any queries, please contact bursaryandscholarship@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.