

Care Leavers & Estranged Students Bursary 2017/18

Overview

The bursary is intended to assist:

- students who are leaving care to attend university; or
- students who have been living independently since leaving care; or
- students estranged from their family.

The amount payable each year (subject to you meeting the criteria each year) would be £1,000 at level 4, £1,500 in level 5 and £1,000 at level 6. Payment will be made in two instalments (November and February). You will need to be fully enrolled on a full time course.

Eligibility Criteria: Care Leavers & Estranged Students

You may be entitled to the bursary, provided that you meet the following essential criteria:

1. You must meet the criteria outlined at point 5 or 6 below; and
2. You must provide a copy of your student finance breakdown from Student Finance England for your first year of study in 2017/18; and
3. You must provide us with details of your bank account so that we can pay the bursary directly to you via BACS; and
4. You must remain registered on your course up to the payment of each instalment of the bursary in each academic year of your course.

Eligibility Criteria: Care Leavers

5. You must provide evidence that you have left care prior to coming to university.

Eligibility Criteria: Estranged Students

6. You must provide evidence that you are estranged from your family, such as confirmation of funding as an independent (estranged) student from Student Finance England.

Support will normally be provided to students under the age of 25.

Application Process

Applicants will need to complete an online form which is available via [MyHub](#)

The Bursary & Scholarship Officer will use the data included on your UCAS application form or provided to us when you completed your online enrolment. If you have indicated that you have been in, or are leaving, Local Authority care, or that you are estranged from your family, we will contact you to advise of possible eligibility for the bursary.

If you did not tick the relevant box on the UCAS application form or during online enrolment then you should contact the Bursary & Scholarship Officer, including the information detailed above, and they will ensure you are considered for the bursary.

Payment

Payment will be made via BACS transfer following receipt of the required documentary evidence showing your eligibility for the bursary. Before payment can be made in subsequent years of your course, we will contact you to seek confirmation of your bank account details.



Payments will be made in two equal instalments directly in to 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.

Payment will be made in each year of your course, where you remain enrolled on that course. Should you have resits, payment will be made only in your first attempt at each level of study. For a three year course, the maximum number of award years will be three.

Additional Support

We recognise that it can be difficult for students to access all the support and advice available to them. We will work with our Employability & Progression team to set-up additional opportunities for students in receipt of the Care Leavers & Estranged Students Bursary to access advice from one of our Careers Consultants.

General

If you are in receipt of a Care Leavers & Estranged Students Bursary you may be eligible to receive any other scholarships, bursaries or discounts offered by the University.

We may contact you seeking feedback on our service to you.

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

If you have any queries please contact the Bursary & Scholarship Officer via email on bursaryandscholarship@leedsbeckett.ac.uk, or telephone 0113 812 5859.

