

Care Experienced & Estranged Students Bursary 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) is £2000. This will be paid in four equal instalments across the academic year. You must be fully enrolled on a full-time undergraduate course.

Eligibility Criteria: Care Experienced & Estranged Students

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

1. You must provide a copy of your student finance breakdown from Student Finance England for the current academic year; and
2. You must remain enrolled on your course up to the payment of each instalment of the bursary in each academic year of your course.
3. If applying as a care experienced student, you must provide evidence that you meet the current definition of being care experienced as per Student Finance England or equivalent funding body's regulations. The evidence you provide could be confirmation of funding as an independent (care leaver) student from Student Finance England (or equivalent funding body) or a letter or email from your social worker or personal adviser confirming the duration of time spent in care.
4. If applying as an estranged student, you must provide evidence that you meet the current definition of being estranged as per Student Finance England or equivalent funding body's regulations. The evidence you provide could be confirmation of funding as an independent (estranged) student from Student Finance England (or equivalent funding body) or a supporting statement from any of the following:
 - your university/college lecturer
 - a teacher
 - your support worker
 - your social worker
 - a doctor
 - a solicitor
 - your Welfare Advisor
 - your university/college's named contact for estranged students

For more detail about student finance England eligibility for independent students please visit [UCAS Independent Student](#)

Support will normally only be provided to students under the age of 25 unless they formally meet the student finance definition of being care experienced

Please note that payment of the bursary will usually only be made to estranged students when estranged status has been awarded by SFE or equivalent funding body.

Application Process

Applicants will need to complete the online form on [MyHub](#)

We 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 can contact us and we will advise you on your eligibility for the bursary.

Payment

Payment will be made via BACS transfer following receipt of the required documentary evidence showing your eligibility for the bursary.

Payments will be made in four equal instalments directly into your nominated bank account. Payment is usually made across both semesters 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, providing you remain fully enrolled on that course. Recipients must be studying at least 50% of a full-time course to be eligible for payment.

Additional Support

We recognize that it can be difficult for students to access all the support and advice available to them. We have collated details of this, including financial, mental health and wellbeing and employability support on our [Care Experienced and estranged student's webpage](#)

General

If you are in receipt of a Care Experienced & 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