

Care-Experienced (CE) Students Bursary in Further Education



The Care-Experienced (CE) Bursary was introduced for further education (FE) students in colleges across Scotland in Academic Year (AY) 2018-19.

‘Further education (FE)’ refers to non-advanced college courses studied up to, but not including, Higher National Certificate (HNC) level or SCQF levels 1-6.

The CE Bursary is £8,100 per year (£202.50 per week) of non-repayable, non-income assessed student maintenance support. This is to provide enhanced living cost support, adding value to any existing support provided by local authorities, not replacing it.

The CE Bursary is currently available to eligible full-time students aged 16-25 years. However, as per the Scottish Government’s [Programme for Government](#), from AY 2020-21 there is due to be no upper age limit applied to the CE Bursary.

CE Bursary recipients are still eligible to receive other funding such as for travel, study costs, additional support needs, childcare and discretionary funds.

To be considered eligible for the CE Bursary, students should meet the standard Scottish residency requirements for student support, be studying an eligible further education course, and have had any of the following types of care-experience: Foster care, Kinship care, Residential care, Compulsory Supervision Order (Looked after at home, or away from home), Adoption (if looked after by a UK local authority before going on to be adopted).

Please note that students in informal care arrangements, not looked after under the meaning of the relevant legislation, are not considered eligible for the FE Care-Experienced bursary.

The national policy and guidance underpinning the administration of the CE Bursary is set by the [Scottish Funding Council](#). It is part of the full range of financial support available to FE students at Scotland's colleges.

However, all bursary application and funding allocation processes are managed by the [colleges](#) themselves. Hence, students should contact their college for all information about the application and assessment process that will be relevant to them.

For further information about the SFC national policy and guidance, or for general information about the CE Bursary, please contact the SFC FE Student Support team:

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The following Scottish further education colleges provide the Care-Experienced bursary:

[Argyll College UHI](#)

[Ayrshire College](#)

[Borders College](#)

[City of Glasgow College](#)

[Dumfries and Galloway College](#)

[Dundee and Angus College](#)

[Edinburgh College](#)

[Fife College](#)

[Forth Valley College](#)

[Glasgow Clyde College](#)

[Glasgow Kelvin College](#)

[Inverness College UHI](#)

[Lewis Castle College UHI](#)

[Moray College UHI](#)

[Newbattle Abbey College](#)

[New College Lanarkshire](#)

[North East Scotland College](#)

[North Highland College UHI](#)

[Orkney College UHI \(through \[Orkney Islands Council\]\(#\)\)](#)

[Perth College UHI](#)

[Scotland's Rural College \(SRUC\)](#)

[Shetland College UHI \(through \[Shetland Islands Council\]\(#\)\)](#)

[South Lanarkshire College](#)

[West College Scotland](#)

[West Highland College UHI](#)

[West Lothian College](#)