

CHILDCARE FUNDING FOR FULL-TIME COURSES AND PART-TIME FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES

Funding is subject to certain qualifying criteria as defined by Scottish Funding Council policies including residence requirements and household income.

This guide offers information for students who would like to apply for assistance with registered childcare costs and fall into the following categories:

- Must have a dependant child
- Must be paying for registered childcare costs to allow attendance at college according to the course timetable and for placement days that are a mandatory part of your course
- A partner must be employed and unavailable to look after children

Child care costs are paid directly to the child care provider and not to the student.

Before applying you should ensure you have claimed for all eligible support that is available to you, such as preschool funding, child tax credits, free local council nursery places.

(Please note that your award will only be calculated from the date your application is deemed complete including submission of all the necessary documents).

Higher education students must have applied for all available support from the Student Award Agency Scotland (SAAS) and meet the eligibility criteria for tuition fees.

Higher education students on part-time courses are not eligible to apply to the Childcare Fund for costs but may apply to the Student Discretionary Fund.



Table of percentage of costs you may be eligible for

| Gross household annual income | College to pay % of calculated award |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| £24,000 or less | 100% |
| £24,001 to £27,000 | 80% |
| £27,001 to £30,000 | 60% |
| £30,001 to £33,000 | 40% |
| £33,001 to £37,000 | 20% |
| £37,001 or more | 0% |

The table below shows the type of information/documents required when you apply for funding.

| Information required | Documents required (not exhaustive) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Personal details (including nationality)■ Course details■ Details of child(ren)■ Childcare provider's bank details■ Household income■ Residency details■ Proof of SAAS funding, if on HN/degree course, such as 2020-21 SAAS award letter. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Proof of child's identity (including nationality), e.g. birth certificate■ Proof of UK immigration permission (if applicable), e.g. Biometric Residence Permit■ Childcare costing document (provided by the College) showing provision booked and provider's bank details etc. and childcare contract/terms and conditions■ Complete Tax Credit Award Notice for current financial year■ Proof of partner's /student's income, e.g. 2020 P60■ Proof of benefits, if applicable, such as Income Support, ESA, Universal Credit (UC), e.g. recent benefit letter, scans of all the elements of a UC claim etc. |

For more information about funding and fees visit edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

Edinburgh College operates an online funding application which is accessed through the student's college account used to apply for a course.

To speak to someone please contact studentfunding@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

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