

# CARE EXPERIENCED BURSARY



**A care experienced bursary rate was introduced by the Scottish Government in the summer of 2018.**

**The Care Experienced Bursary rate will be offered to students who:**

- Have been looked after at any time in their life by a Local Authority in the UK. For instance care leavers, foster care, residential care, kinship care, compulsory supervision orders, adoption etc. Please check with the college if you are not sure. You will be asked to submit proof of care experience such as a social worker letter. When completing the funding application form please enter nil income throughout the parental income details section if living in foster care, kinship care or residential care. If living independently please apply as a self-supporting student and submit proof of care experience.
- Are beyond their statutory school leaving age (16 by the 30 September 2020 or to qualify for funding from January 2021 onwards will be 16 between the 1 October 2020 and the 28 February 2021).

**Please note that eligibility will be subject to residence criteria.**

**The Care Experienced Bursary rate is £202.50 a week.** Care experienced students will still be eligible to receive additional funding elements such as travel and study costs, additional supports needs, childcare and discretionary awards.

**If you are care experienced and eligible to remain on benefit such as Income Support or Universal Credit** during your course the College will assess an award that ensures the optimum funding (in a few cases this may mean remaining on benefit if it is disadvantageous to award the Care Experienced Bursary).

HE students should apply to the SAAS for funding. FE students should apply online to the College for Further Education Bursary funding.

Please note that care experienced students are not required to provide details of parental income.



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

Information required	Documents required (not exhaustive)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Personal details (including nationality)</li><li>■ Course details</li><li>■ Bank details</li><li>■ Education and employment details</li><li>■ Residency details</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Proof of identity, e.g. birth certificate or passport</li><li>■ Letter from social worker confirming have been/are in care</li></ul>

For more information about funding and fees visit [edinburghcollege.ac.uk](http://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](mailto:studentfunding@edinburghcollege.ac.uk).

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