

# 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 dependent 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, Further Education Bursary funding.

(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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Personal details (including nationality)</li><li>■ Course details</li><li>■ Details of child(ren)</li><li>■ Childcare provider's bank details</li><li>■ Household income</li><li>■ Residency details</li><li>■ Proof of SAAS funding, if on HN/degree course, such as 2021-22 SAAS award letter.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Proof of child's identity (including nationality), e.g. birth certificate</li><li>■ Proof of UK immigration status (if applicable), e.g. Biometric Residence card</li><li>■ Childcare costing document (provided by the College) showing provision booked and provider's bank details etc. and childcare contract/terms and conditions</li><li>■ Complete Tax Credit Award Notice for current financial year</li><li>■ Proof of partner's /student's income, e.g. 2021 P60 or most recent available HMRC Tax Calculation, if self-employed</li><li>■ 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.</li></ul>

For more information about funding and fees visit [edinburghcollege.ac.uk](https://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.

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