

What happens next?

Your application is submitted to the Budget Holder Throughcare &



Aftercare who will consider it. Once an agreement has been reached about the amount of money you require, a letter will be sent to you detailing the funding to be provided.

Will that be the end of Social Work's involvement?

No your Social Worker or Barnardos Worker will meet with you at intervals throughout the academic year to review funding arrangements and to check you are coping with managing your finances.

For further information regarding financial support whilst at University/College please contact

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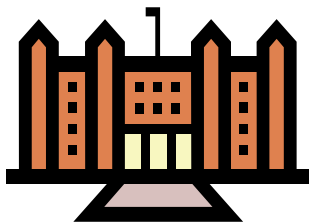


FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOOKED AFTER YOUNG PEOPLE IN HIGHER EDUCATION



Need any financial help when you start University or College?

The Highland Council, Social Work Services



provides financial help with core costs for young people in higher education. You must have been looked after at school leaving date and be 16 to 20 years of age to qualify for this help. This financial support will help make sure you don't build up a large amount of student loan debt and gives you experience of managing on a limited budget. We only ask that you make a contribution towards your living costs from a student loan.

What are the core costs?

- ▶ Start up costs
- ▶ Equipment books
- ▶ Accommodation costs
- ▶ A proportion of weekly living costs
- ▶ An allowance for travel during term time and return visits home
- ▶ The cost of study trips/special equipment



Will I need to get a job to help finance myself through University/ College?

The Highland Council does not expect any looked after young person to take up employment during term time. However you are expected to take up employment in the summer holidays to help fund accommodation and living costs. The Highland Council has set up a Student Employment Scheme which offers jobs to young people during summer.



How do I pay for my accommodation during the summer holidays?

If you live in privately rented accommodation the Highland Council will help with costs. You will also be able to apply to the Students Awards agency for Scotland (SAAS) for a Vacation Grant for Care Leavers to assist with the costs of your accommodation during the summer holidays.

How do I apply for financial support?

Your Social Worker/Barnardos Worker will submit an application for funding on your behalf to Throughcare & Aftercare. You will need to let your Social Worker/Barnardos Worker know the name of the University College you plan to study at, the length of course and the course details. You will have to give a breakdown of the core costs you need help with, giving as much detail as you can with a list of the major items and estimated costs. Your Social Worker will be able to help you with this.

You will also have to provide details of any bursary/grant you will be receiving.