



Teaching Intensive, Research Informed

Care Leaver's Bursary 2018/19

I would like to apply for the Care Leaver's Bursary

Name:

Student Number:

Address:

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Telephone number:

University e-mail address:

Student Signature:

Please provide the following documentary evidence:

Evidence of your Care Leaver status for example a letter from your Local Authority, Social Worker or Foster Carer. You must have left a Care background within the last five years and lived in a care setting for a minimum of twelve months and your evidence must show this.

Please return your completed application form and evidence to the address below and/or for further information please contact:

Student Funding Advisors
Student Centre, Chancellor's Mall
University of Bolton
Deane Road
Bolton BL3 5AB Tel: 01204 903497/903499
E mail: studentfunding@bolton.ac.uk

Guidance Notes

Applications are processed within four working weeks of completion and you will receive notification by email as to whether your application has been successful. Effective for students commencing in the 2018/19 academic year, the university may offer a bursary of £1,000 per academic year, subject to continual fulfilment of the eligibility criteria, for students who are from a Care Background e.g. have been in Local Authority Care or Foster Care. The bursary is available to Care Leavers studying a full-time undergraduate course which is delivered on campus at University of Bolton in each eligible academic year.

Eligibility

In order to qualify you will need to demonstrate that you are:

- A home (UK) student paying tuition fees to University of Bolton for 2018/19 and subsequent academic years via tuition fee loan or self-funded. Students who are externally registered whose tuition fees are paid to the institution they are attending will not be eligible to receive the award
- Studying a full-time undergraduate course which is delivered on campus at University of Bolton
- Commenced, or due to commence, your course from September 2018 or January 2019

You will also be required to provide evidence that you are a Care Leaver within the last five years e.g. a letter from your Local Authority together with the completed application form.

Payment of the Bursary

The Bursary will be paid by eight monthly instalments of £125 per month in each relevant year payable direct into your bank account. You will need to complete a bank nomination form to enable the university to make payments into your account.

Financial Support

- In addition to the financial support you receive from the Student Loans Company the non means tested Care Leavers Bursary of £1,000 will be available in each academic year of study subject to continual fulfilment of the eligibility criteria.
- You can receive budgeting advice and/or a financial health check with the Student Funding Advisors to ensure that you are receiving the correct student funding
- You may also apply for support from the University Hardship Fund.

Accommodation support

- We will give priority to first year Care Leavers when allocating Halls of Residence accommodation
- Provide accommodation in Halls of Residence during the summer vacation period
- Provide continued residence in Halls of Residence for subsequent academic years until you have completed your course of study
- Support you in your search for accommodation both during term time and during the vacation period if you do not want to move into the Halls of Residence

Additional Support, Advice and Guidance

- Confidential advice and support on a wide range of academic and pastoral issues from one of the university's Student Liaison Officers
- Support from one of the Student Advisors in Student Services and help accessing other services in the University and the Students' Union.
- Starting a course can be a challenging time, support through the application process is available from the Student Advisors.