

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CARE LEAVERS

CARE LEAVERS' FOUNDATION

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Grant applications accepted from care leavers aged 18 – 29, although strong preference is given to those age 21 and over. Applications are welcomed from all care leavers up to the age of 26 to help with personal development needs, crisis payments, education, training or employment needs. You can also apply if you are aged 27 – 29 if your application is to do with education or enterprise.

The maximum single award is currently £400 and there will be a maximum limit of £400 in a twelve month period payable to any individual, whether in stage payments or as a result of separate applications. Trustees meet 4 times a year to decide grant applications, however they endeavour to deal with urgent applications between meetings. Applications accepted from care leavers in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Care leavers from the Republic of Ireland should visit the website of their sister charity "Care Leavers Ireland" at www.thecareleaversfoundation.org/Care_Leavers_Ireland

Further details and application form available from their website.

EAGLE HOUSE BURSARY

Somerset Community Foundation, Yeoman House, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN

www.somersetcf.org.uk/eaglebursary

Tel: 01749 344949 Email: info@somersetcf.org.uk

The Eagle House bursary scheme offers awards of £1,500 per year to help young people who have been looked after or have received considerable support from Children's Social Care in Somerset and historic Avon (i.e. Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire) go to University. £500 payments are made at the beginning of each term, subject to ongoing attendance. Awards are usually for three years, but can be offered for longer courses in exceptional circumstances.

Bursaries are not restricted to specific Universities or courses and do not need to be repaid.

Applicants must be:

- aged 18 to 24 (at the time of applying) and have been looked after or have received considerable support from Children's Social Care in the areas listed above
- able to provide the contact details of a referee (usually a social worker)
- entering higher education for the first time
- a home (UK) undergraduate
- applying for the full student finance package entitled to

Application form and further guidelines are available on the website.

EVE BROOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sarah Barker, 18+ Service, PO Box 16378, Birmingham B2 2AH

www.evebrookfund.org.uk

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Award Schemes open to any Birmingham care-leaver between the ages of 16 and 25, who wants to study at University.

The awards are:

- **Scholarships:** to cover all or part of a young person's fees and / or living expenses on college or university courses.
- **Bursaries:** to cover ongoing expenses at college, such as books and travel expenses (usually in the range of £300 - £500). They have also recently introduced a **Postgraduate Bursary** of £3000 to students on Masters programmes who are in receipt of the new postgraduate loan. This scheme has been developed in association with Birmingham City Council After Care Service.
- **One-off grants:** for particular expenses, such as musical instruments, sporting equipment, artists' materials and so on.

If you are a young person who has been or is in the care of Birmingham you will need a sponsor to apply. This can be a social worker, teacher, foster parent or another young person. Application Forms available online. Applications are considered by the Trustees of the Fund who meet every two months.

FRANK BUTTLE TRUST

Buttle UK, 15 Greycoat Place, London SW1P 1SB

www.buttleuk.org

Tel: 020 7828 7311

The Trust provides financial help to young people who receive no support from their parents or guardians so that they can further their education or employment. To apply the young person must have a clear education, training or employment goal that they are pursuing or intend to pursue within three months of their application. The Trust provides direct financial support to meet this goal, and also help them to set up home and/or to improve their emotional, mental or physical wellbeing. Each package of support can be worth up to £2,000.

To be considered for support, the young person must be:

- Age 16-20
- Estranged or orphaned and living outside the family home, receiving little or no financial or emotional support from family members
- In financial hardship
- Committed to pursuing a defined goal in relation to education, training or employment. This criteria may be waived if the young person has been a victim of domestic violence and lives or lived in London.
- Working closely with support services
- Normally resident in the UK with the intention to remain in the country long term
- Applicants must have ensured that every effort has been made to check that a statutory, education or governmental body cannot fund the activity or item being requested.

See website for full details.

You may also find it helpful to visit the Care Leavers' Association website:

www.careleavers.com

SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

In addition to this list, there are websites which provide information on Scholarships and Charitable Trusts and alternative funding, and also include a Grant search facility to help students identify appropriate funding based on individual circumstances and needs - see examples below:

- www.turn2us.org.uk - a charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, educational grants and other help. Individuals can search their database to find funding.
- www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk - provides a searchable database for scholarships and other funding.

When applying to charities you are advised to consider the criteria carefully as organisations often have very limited funding and will not consider applications unless they meet their specific criteria.

- The Directory of Social Change publishes "**The Educational Grants Directory**" which lists details of charities and trust funds - a copy of this directory can be accessed via the University Money Advisers.



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See our Website for a Guide to applying to a Trust
www.worcester.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trustfunds