

18 – 24 YEARS OLD – AWAY FROM PARENTAL HOME

Funds and Allowances Available

Further Education Bursary

If you don't live with your parents/guardian but don't meet the criteria to be classed as living independent (see page 24), you may still be eligible for the £106.53 weekly Maintenance Allowance, Travel Allowance and Study Allowance but this will still need to be assessed on their income.

Maintenance Allowance (Living Costs) (F)

£106.53 per week, where parent's income is below £24,275 (weekly allowance reduces as household income increases).

Students eligible for Universal Credit will be awarded a maximum of £28.00 Maintenance Allowance in addition to their UC entitlement.

Travel Allowance (From outwith Elgin) (F) (P)

Cost of the Unirider/Megarider ticket for the college year broken down into a weekly payment.

Study Allowance (F) (P)

Varies from course to course and may be money paid directly to you or equipment provided to you by the department

Assessed on What Information

On Household income (parents/step parents/guardians)

Any Unearned income receivable by the student and any benefits entitlement* e.g. Universal Credit, Income Support, Employment And Support Allowance (ESA), Pensions etc.

** Some full time students may be eligible to continue/start a claim for benefits and as a result will not be awarded the Maintenance Allowance but will still be considered for Travel Allowance and Study Allowance. The main groups which this applies to are: Lone Parents, severely disabled students, young students estranged from parents, students living with a partner who make a joint Universal Credit (UC) claim. Students who currently claim or may be eligible to claim UC (which may include the Housing Element for help with rent) may be awarded a Maintenance Allowance of £28 per week and still receive their UC. UC disregard the first £28 of FE Bursary.*

Documentation Required

Student Identification (Birth Certificate, Passport, Young Scot Card)

Student and Parents Income Documents such as P60's Benefits Letters/Statements, Tax Credit Award Notices for last Tax Year or a recent Universal Credit Monthly Statement for current financial year

Evidence of other students in the immediate family.

Further Education Childcare Funds

If you are in this age group and are a parent, or are financially independent from your parents/step parents/guardians, you **may** be eligible for funding.

Cost of Childcare sessions for your class attendance at College or placement.

Household income below £40,000

In addition to the documents required for Bursary Funding,

you will need to provide: Childcare Contract and Household Income such as bank statements, Tax Credit Award Notice/Universal Credit monthly statement etc.

Further Education Discretionary Hardship Funds

Accommodation Costs (F)

Up to £97.56 per week for students who have a tenancy and do not qualify for Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Element

Household income from Bursary, Part Time employment and benefits.

In addition to the documents required for Bursary Funding,

you will need to provide evidence of: Tenancy/Mortgage, Council Tax Letter showing residence in the property, Bank Statements.

In some cases we may require a Housing Benefit Refusal Letter