

UNDER 25 – INDEPENDENT OF PARENTS

Funds and Allowances Available

Further Education Bursary

If you are under 25 years you may be considered to be independent from your parents because:

- Both parents are deceased
- You have a child who is dependent on you (e.g. your own child, you are a lone parent or a sister or brother you look after)
- You are married or living with a partner
- Estranged from parents
- You have supported yourself for 3 or more years through employment or benefits

You may receive up to £106.53 per week (this award is means tested and the amount you get will depend on your (& partner's) income.

Maintenance Allowance (Living Costs) (F)

£106.53 per week where partner's income is below £20,643 (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 Partners income (if applicable).
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)

Proof of the circumstances which class you as independent of parental Income assessment e.g. parents death certificates, **and/or** Tax Credits Award Notice/Universal Credit monthly statement showing you have a dependent child(ren) **and/or** P60s and/or DWP letter confirming for 3 full years income

or

Partner Income Documents such as P60's Benefits Letters/Statements, Tax Credit Award Notices for last Tax Year etc.

Further Education Childcare Funds

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.

If you are partnered you will also be required to complete an Income and Expenditure Declaration form.

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.