

Care Leavers Scholarship 2017/18

In 2017/18 scholarships of up to £9000 per annum will be offered to University of Gloucestershire students of home/EU status, who have been in local authority care in the UK.

A care leaver is defined as, "A young person who has been in the care of the local authority for a period of 13 weeks or more, spanning their 16th birthday." (Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000).

The Care Leavers Scholarship consists of a 50% fee waiver plus a minimum £1,000 bursary towards general living, accommodation and study costs. This can be received as discounted halls of residence fees or cash support in years 2 and 3 should students move into private accommodation. The bursary amount can be increased to £4,500 per annum which will be determined upon interview and dependent on funding received by the student's own Local Authority.

Eligibility

Eligible students will:

- have been in the care of the local authority in the UK for a period of 13 weeks or more, spanning their 16th birthday
- be a new entrant to the university for the 2017/18 academic year
- be entering their first year of full time undergraduate study in September 2017
- be liable for full fees of £9,250
- be aged under 25 at their point of entry
- not hold an equivalent or higher qualification i.e. you must not already hold a qualification that is equivalent or higher to the BA/BSc degree that you will be undertaking

Please Note: Meeting this eligibility criterion does not equate to entitlement to a scholarship.

Further information

Scholarship awards regarding general living costs are paid directly into students bank accounts in three instalments; 25% in November 2017, 25% in February 2018 and 50% in May 2018.

A scholarship holder who transfers from full-time to part-time enrolment will cease to be eligible to hold the scholarship.

The Care Leavers Bursary is only eligible to students studying on courses delivered by the University of Gloucestershire. The University will terminate the scholarship for any student who ceases to be an enrolled student of the University of Gloucestershire. If either the scholarship or enrolment are terminated for any reason, the student must repay the University any monies overpaid, based on a pro-rata calculation from the date of the termination.

Students awarded the Care Leavers' Bursary will not be eligible for the Mature Student Bursary.

The University of Gloucestershire has a dedicated Money Advice Team to offer information, advice and guidance on all aspects of student finance. They provide a confidential service to prospective and current students.