In 2018/19, scholarships of up to £6625 per annum will be offered to University of Gloucestershire students of home/EU status, who have been in local authority care in the UK.

The Care Leavers Scholarship consists of a 50% fee waiver plus a bursary towards general living, accommodation and study costs. This can be received as discounted halls of residence fees or cash support at Level 5 and 6 should students move into private accommodation. The bursary amount is £2000 in the first year (Level 4), £1000 in the second year (Level 5) and £1000 in the final year (Level 6). This amount can be increased to £2000 in the final year (Level 6), if the student has an average pass mark of 60% or more at Level 5.

**Eligibility**

Eligible students will:
- have been in the care of the local authority in the UK for a period of 3 months or more, since the age of 14.
- be a new entrant to the university for the 2018/19 academic year
- be entering their first year of full time undergraduate study in September 2018
- be a ‘Home’ student for tuition fee purposes
- 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 2018, 25% in February 2019 and 50% in May 2019.

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

A student on their year-long placement (as part of a ‘sandwich’ programme) will only be entitled to the 50% fee waiver whilst on placement.

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.