

# Care Leavers' Support Fund

## Further information and additional eligibility criteria

If you are aged 19 or over and under 25 on 31 August 2026 you can apply for the Care Leavers' Support Fund\* worth up to a maximum of £1,500.00 per academic year if you meet the criteria below:

Fund	General Eligibility Criteria - (Other Rules Apply)
<b>Care Leavers' Support Fund</b> (Part of the GLCCA Adult Skills Fund)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You are a Care Leaver and reside within the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority area (GLCCA), and</li><li>• enrolled on a programme of learning of at least 60 Guided Learning Hours (GLH) funded by the GLCCA.</li></ul>

The Care Leavers' Support Fund helps you with essential course-related costs, known as participation costs. These costs may include:

- College Meals
- Travel
- Uniform and equipment
- Stationery and books
- Cost of appropriate rail cards
- Trips
- Travel to a maximum of 2 Higher Education interviews
- UCAS fees
- Examination resit fees

Other participation costs may be considered subject to approval from your tutor.

Meeting the above eligibility criteria does not mean you will receive this Bursary. You will not receive it if your participation costs are already being met from other financial sources (e.g Local Authority Funding, etc.) and/or it is deemed you have no relevant costs. The college cannot make Care Leavers' Support Fund payments as payments for living costs. This is out of scope of the Bursary and any such payments would be subject to the Social Security Amendment (students and income-related benefits) Regulations 2000.

If your essential course participation costs exceed £1,500.00, further support may be available through the 19+ Learner Support Fund. Awards will not be made where there is no financial need e.g. you have no essential course participation costs.

You must have a bank account in your own name. Payments cannot be made into another person's account.

\*Other rules apply. Rules and criteria may be subject to amendment or deletion without prior notice.

