

APPENDIX 2

Summary of education funding available to care leavers.

Type of study	Funding type	Accessed through	2011 figures	To be used for	Does it have to be paid back?
Further Education	Education Incentive for yp in community	Leaving Care Team	£25.00 Based on attendance.		No
	Learner Support Fund	Application directly to the person at the college who deals with the LSF. Supporting letter from worker will be required.	Amount varies	To cover college expenses such as travel, trips, equipment.	No
	Income Support	Claimed via Job Centre Plus. Only available to 18 and 19 year olds.	£51.85	To pay for all household expenses (food, bills, clothes, toiletries).	No
	Housing Benefit	Claimed by application to the Local Authority. Only available to care leavers aged 18+.	Rent which falls within the local allowance rates (care leavers are exempt from single room rate allowances).	To pay rent.	No
Higher Education	Tuition Fee Loan	Applied for within the large 'Student Finance England' application form.	Maximum of £3375 per year.	Is paid directly to the university to cover the cost of the course fees only.	Yes – once the student gets a job earning £15,000 or per year or more.
	Bursary	Claimed by application directly to the university.	Discretionary bursary for students on low incomes. Is normally about £400 - £500 per year.	Is designed to meet any shortfall if the tuition fee loan doesn't cover all the course fees.	No
	Maintenance Grant	Applied for within the large 'Student Finance England' application form.	Maximum of £2906 per year.	Is designed to cover the cost of living expenses (food, travel, bills, other expenses).	No

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	Maintenance Loan	Applied for within the large 'Student Finance England' application form.	Between £3000 and £6000 per year depending on location of university (London based students get the most).	Is designed to cover the cost of rent whilst studying.	Yes – once the student gets a job earning £15,000 per year or more.
	Local Authority Bursary	Set out in a Young Person's Pathway plan and paid directly by the Leaving care team.	£2000 lump sum. 1 st payment by the end of the first term.	Designed to assist the student in repaying some of their loans to reduce the amount of debt the student acquires.	No. However, it has to be stated in the pathway plan when this amount will be paid to the student, which may be in instalments.
	Care Leavers Funding	Most universities offer additional financial and practical support to care leavers.	This can be anything from extra money to free laptops or the provision of 52 week accommodation packages.	Designed to support care leavers in their studies.	No.
	Housing benefit, Income support / Incapacity benefit.	Job Centre Plus and Housing Benefit office. Only available for young people with disabilities or with dependant children.	Amounts vary.	Living expenses. Possible contribution to extended care.	No.
Leaving care team higher education bonus	Care leavers funding	Leaving care team	£500 per year £1000 on completion of course.	As required.	No.