


POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CARELEAVERS



CAPSTONE CARE LEAVERS TRUST

www.capstonecareleaverstrust.org

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Tel: **0121 374 2601** Email: info@capstonetrust.org

The Capstone Care Leavers' Trust offers grants to young people aged between 17 – 25 years old, who have been in care at any time in the past. To apply for a Grant, you must be a UK national or have 'settled status'.

Individual grants are most likely to be for amounts between £300 and £2,000, although awards of up to £3000 may be considered specifically in relation to Higher Education fees, or Training courses that are not funded by Student Finance England, the Local Authority, or where all other educational grant, bursary or subsidy entitlements have been exhausted and dependant upon your individual circumstances.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

CARE LEAVERS' FOUNDATION

www.thecareleaversfoundation.org

PO Box 202, Bala LL23 7ZB

Tel: **01678 540 598** Email: enquires@thecareleaversfoundation.org

The Care Leavers' Foundation exists primarily to make small grants to care leavers aged up to 29, though primarily targeted at care leavers aged 21+ who have no recourse to any statutory support or alternative sources of funding. Most of their grants are made to care leavers over 20 years old. Grant applications are welcomed from all care leavers up to the age of 26 to help with personal development needs, crisis payments, education, training or employment needs. Applications connected with training and enterprise are open to care leavers up to the age of 29.

The maximum single award is currently £400 and there will be a maximum limit of £400 in a twelve month period payable to any individual, whether in stage payments or as a result of separate applications. Trustees meet 4 times a year to decide grant applications, however they endeavour to deal with urgent applications between meetings.

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EAGLE HOUSE BURSARY

www.somersetcf.org.uk/eaglebursary

Somerset Community Foundation, Yeoman House, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN

Tel: **01749 344949** Email: info@somersetcf.org.uk

The Eagle House bursary scheme offers awards of £1,500 per year to help young people who have been looked after or have received considerable support from Children's Social Care in Somerset and historic Avon (i.e. Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire) go to University.

£500 payments are made at the beginning of each term, subject to ongoing attendance. Awards are usually for three years, but can be offered for longer courses in exceptional circumstances. Bursaries are not restricted to specific Universities or courses and do not need to be repaid.

Applicants must be:

- aged 18 to 24 (at the time of applying) and have been looked after or have received considerable support from Children's Social Care in the areas listed above
- able to provide the contact details of a referee (usually a social worker)
- entering higher education for the first time
- a home (UK) undergraduate
- applying for the full student finance package entitled to

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

EVE BROOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

www.evebrookfund.org.uk

PO Box 18145, Birmingham B13 3QU

Tel: **07917 172 614** (Sarah Barker) Email: evebrookfund@gmail.com

Award Schemes are open to any Birmingham care-leaver between the ages of 16 and 25, who wants to study at University.

The awards are:

- Scholarships: to cover all or part of a young person's fees and / or living expenses on college or university courses.
- Bursaries: to cover ongoing expenses at college, such as books and travel expenses (usually in the range of £300-£500) and help with childcare. They have also recently introduced a Postgraduate Bursary of £3000 to students on Masters programmes who are in receipt of the new postgraduate loan. This scheme has been developed in association with Birmingham City Council After Care Service.
- One off grants: for particular expenses, such as musical instruments, books, sporting equipment, artists' materials and so on.

If you are a young person who has been or is in the care of Birmingham you will need a sponsor to apply. This can be a social worker, teacher, foster parent or another young person.

Further information and an Application Forms available on their website.

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REES FOUNDATION

www.reesfoundation.org

Craftsman House, De Salis Drive, Hampton Lovett, Droitwich, Worcestershire, WR9 0QE

Tel: **0330 094 5645** Email: contactus@reesfoundation.org

The Rees Foundation accepts grant applications from care experienced adults specifically to help with careers development and Higher Education where no other funding sources are available. They may help you with living costs whilst attending further or higher education, dependent on circumstances. No upper age limit for people applying to grants.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

SPARK FOUNDATION

www.sparkfoundation.org.uk

c/o 18 Bramling Way, Rainham, Kent ME8 8FG

Email: admin@sparkfoundation.org.uk

The Spark Foundation offer grants of up to £600 for people under the age of 26 who either are, or have been in care in England or Wales. The grant is to fund extras, such as white goods, equipment for college/university, etc. They do not fund things which are the responsibility of the local authority, fostering agency or carer.

Application Form and further guidelines are available on their website.

You may also find it helpful to visit the Care Leavers' Association website:

www.careleavers.com

SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

- www.turn2us.org.uk - a charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, educational grants and other help. Individuals can search their database to find funding.
- www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk - provides a searchable database for scholarships and other funding.

When applying to charities you are advised to consider the criteria carefully as organisations often have very limited funding and will not consider applications unless they meet their specific criteria.

The Directory of Social Change publishes "The Educational Grants Directory" which is usually available as a reference book in public libraries. A copy of this directory can also be accessed via the University Money Advisers.

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See our Website for a Guide to applying to a Trust
www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trust-funds

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