

Queen's University Care Leaver Bursary

Queen's University Belfast has been awarded the Buttle UK Quality mark for our commitment to supporting looked after children and care experienced young people. For more information please see: <http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/quality-mark-for-care-leavers.html>

Coming to University is both an exciting and stressful time for all students. Financial concerns are one of the major factors of stress and at Queen's we recognise that students from a care background may encounter additional financial hardship, this is why Queen's as part of their commitment to care leavers, provides a care leaver bursary for the duration of their full time studies. For more information please read below:

Eligibility Requirements:

This leaflet provides further details of the financial support available to UK domiciled young people (under 25) who have been in the care of a Health and Social Care Trust (HSCT) or Local Authority and can demonstrate that they have lived in care for three months or more from the age of 14 and are intending to pursue full time Undergraduate or Postgraduate studies* at Queen's University, Belfast.

* To be eligible to receive the bursary as a Postgraduate student you need to be:

- Classed as a full time UK student
- Have completed an undergraduate degree within the last two years

Selection Criteria:

Recipients of the bursary will be identified by Queen's University Widening participation and UK undergraduate recruitment and student funding office on the basis of their application through UCAS. Students will be required to apply for their full student support entitlement and will be asked to provide evidence that they are care experienced.

Value: Benefits and Duration

Successful recipients of the bursary will be awarded £1000 per annum, payable in two instalments, one at the start of each semester for the duration of their programme at Queen's, subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Application deadline and procedure

Candidates who have indicated on their UCAS form that they are care experienced will be asked to complete a short application form once they have enrolled onto their course at Queen's. Students who have not included this information on their application, but believe they are eligible can still apply by getting in contact with Deirdre Lynskey, Care Leaver contact at d.lynskey@qub.ac.uk

- **Supporting evidence to accompany your application:**
You will be required to submit a letter from your social worker, personal adviser or other appropriate practitioner confirming that you are a care leaver, the letter must:
 - Be on headed paper
 - Contain your full name and date of birth
 - Provide the contact details of the practitioner writing the letter

Successful candidates will be notified no longer than two weeks after they submit their application, please note incomplete evidence will delay the process.