



10. Student Funding

Funding Quick Guide

SCQF Levels 1–6 (some FE courses may be Level 7)

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This quick guide shows at a glance what Further Education (FE) Funding is available and who can apply.

Funding is subject to certain qualifying criteria as defined by Scottish Funding Council policies with regard to Further Education Funds. This includes residency requirements, parental/partner/spouse income and any previous funding received.

If you have previously received student funding support for either a further or higher education course then you may initially be refused funding.

Please check with the Student Funding Team at the relevant campus to determine if you are eligible.

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This quick guide shows types of funding and who can apply

Student Age/ Support	Type of Course	Fees Paid	Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)	FE Bursary Fund	FE Discretionary Fund	FE Childcare
16 - 17	Full-time	✓	✓	✓ •	✓	✓
	Part-time ****	✓ •••	✓			
Under 25 & Parentally supported ••	Full-time	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Part-time ****	✓ •••		✓ •	✓	✓
Over 25 or under 25 & self supporting	Full-time	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Part-time ****	✓ •••		✓ •	✓	✓

• Travel** and course expenses only

•• A parentally supported student is one who is single and under 25 and has not self supported financially for 3 years and/or has no dependent children

••• You may qualify for Fee Waiver

•••• Must be a part-time fundable course

- For further details regarding Fee Waiver please contact our Finance Team on 0300 303 0303
- Further detailed information and guidance is available on our college website
<https://www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/college-life/student-funding-and-money-support/funding-quickguides>

**Young people aged under 22 years, who live in Scotland for at least 6 months a year, can apply for a free bus pass. Travel costs will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

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