



1. Student Funding

Students under 18 years of age

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

- Under 18 years of age on the start date of the course
- Living with parents or legal guardians
- Have no dependent children

Fully completed applications with all supporting documents must be received within 4 weeks of the start date of the course. Please be advised your award will only be calculated from the date your application is deemed complete.

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Students under 18 years of age

Circumstance:	May be considered for:	Documents required:	Information required:
No parental income declared or income more than £24,421 <i>(applies to those with only 1 dependent child in household)</i> or £26,884 <i>(applies to those with more than 1 dependent child in household)</i> (residency rules apply)	✓ Fees Paid ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials	☐ Birth Certificate or valid Passport	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details
Parental income less than £24,421 <i>(applies to those with only 1 dependent child in household)</i> or £26,884 <i>(applies to those with more than 1 dependent child in household)</i> (residency rules apply)	✓ EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials ✓ Fees Paid	☐ Birth Certificate or valid Passport ☐ Universal Credits ☐ Council Tax Notice ☐ Parent(s) P60	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details ☐ Household Income Figures

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2. Student Funding

Allowed to remain on benefits

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In receipt of and allowed to remain on a government benefit such as Employment Support Allowance

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Allowed to remain on benefits

Circumstance:	May be considered for:	Documents required:	Information required:
Aged under 19 years old and in receipt of a government benefit (<i>residency rules apply</i>)	✓ Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) ✓ Fees Paid ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials	☐ Birth Certificate or valid Passport ☐ Letter from Department of Work and Pensions detailing benefits received (income) ☐ Council Tax Notice ☐ Universal Credits (if applicable)	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Proof of your income ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details
Aged 19 and over and in receipt of a government benefit (<i>residency and previous study rules apply</i>)	✓ Fees Paid ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials	☐ Birth Certificate or valid Passport ☐ Letter from Department of Work and Pensions detailing benefits received (income) ☐ Council Tax Notice ☐ Universal Credits (if applicable)	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Proof of your income ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details

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3. Student Funding

Independent Student

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- Single and aged 25 years and over
- Under 25 years of age but have supported self financially for 3 years
- Have a dependent child
- Are officially estranged from parent(s)

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Independent Student

Circumstance:	May be considered for:	Documents required:	Information required:
Independent Student (<i>residency and previous study rules apply</i>)	✓ Fees Paid ✓ Maximum Weekly Payment of £125.55 ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials	☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Proof of Income (<i>3 years evidence required if single and aged under 25 years</i>) ☐ Council Tax Notice ☐ Universal Credits (<i>if applicable</i>) ☐ Child's Birth Certificate (<i>if applicable</i>) ☐ Proof of estrangement (<i>if applicable</i>)	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Proof of your income ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details

Student's weekly unearned income	Weekly maintenance estimate
Less than £24.19	£125.55
£35.00	£114.74
£75.00	£74.74
£110.00	£39.74

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4. Student Funding

HNC/HND Courses

Funding for HNC/D level courses is subject to certain qualifying criteria as defined by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). This includes residency requirements, parental/spouse income and any previous funding received.

College issue Higher Education Childcare and Higher Education Discretionary Applications

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HNC/HND Courses

Type of course:	Fees Paid:	Student Loan Full-time	Lone Parent Grant	Independent Student Bursary	Part-Time Fee Grant	Young Students Bursary	HE Discretionary Fund (DF) Childcare Fund (CF)
Student (Part-time)	✓ ●●				✓		DF
Student under 25 - parentally supported (Full-time)	✓ ●●●	✓				✓	DF
Aged 25 and over (or under 25 and self supporting) (Full-time)	✓ ●●●	✓		✓			DF
Student lone parent - above compulsory school leaving age (16+) (Full-time)	✓ ●●●	✓	✓	✓			DF CF
Married/co-habiting/civil partnership with children (Full-time)	✓ ●●●	✓		✓			DF CF
Care Experienced, looked after or accommodated (Full-time)	✓	✓ Special Support Loan only	✓	✓ Care Experienced Bursary			DF CF

- A parentally supported student is one who is under 25 and lives with parent(s)/your parent and your parents partner
- Fees will only be paid if eligible for a fee waiver. For further details please contact our Finance Team on 0300 303 0303
- Applicable if no previous fee support received. If you have previously received tuition fee support from SAAS you may need to pay fees for further courses

Note: Apply for the Part-Time Fee Grant online at www.saas.gov.uk. First time applicants must create a SAAS Account. Returning users should log in to their existing account where you will get the option to apply. Further information is available on the SAAS website at www.saas.gov.uk. Contact number **0300 555 0505**



5. Student Funding

Part-time

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

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This quick guide offers funding information to students who are studying at Ayrshire College on a part-time basis

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Circumstance:	May be considered for:	Documents required:	Information required:
Students over 19 years with low Household Income studying on a non-advanced course on a part-time basis (<i>residency and previous study rules apply</i>)	- Fees Paid (<i>subject to fee waiver policy</i>) - Travel Allowance** - Study Materials - Childcare	☐ Birth Certificate or Valid Passport ☐ Confirmation of Fee Waiver (<i>Funding staff would normally seek confirmation internally from our Finance Team</i>) If applying for childcare assistance then you will also be required to submit: (<i>formal registered Childcare only</i>) ☐ Universal Credits ☐ Birth Certificates for children who are financially dependent on you ☐ Timetable ☐ Statement of Hours Form ☐ Council Tax Notice	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details ☐ Proof of your Income
Students between 16 and 19 years on a part-time fundable course and the parental income is less than £24,421 (<i>applies to those with only 1 dependent child in household</i>) or £26,884 (<i>applies to those with more than 1 dependent child in household, residency rules apply</i>)	- EMA (<i>Education Maintenance Allowance</i>) - Fees Paid - Study Materials - Childcare	☐ Birth Certificate or Valid Passport ☐ Universal Credits ☐ Council Tax Notice ☐ Parents(s) P60	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details ☐ Household Income Figures

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6. Student Funding

Parentally Supported

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- Between 18 and 24 years of age on the start date of the course
- Not living with a partner
- Do not have any dependent children
- Have not supported self financially for 3 full years

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Parentally Supported

Circumstance:	May be considered for:	Documents required:	Information required:
Aged between 18 and 24 years of age (<i>residency and previous study rules apply</i>)	✓ Fees Paid ✓ Maximum weekly payment of £99.35* ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials <i>*Students who are deemed parentally supported but who have their own tenancy may be considered for a higher rate of bursary maintenance.</i>	☐ Birth Certificate or Valid Passport Parent(s) ☐ P60's or proof of Benefits Letter*** ☐ Council Tax Notice ☐ Proof of student income (<i>payslip or P45</i>) ☐ Sibling's Birth Certificate (<i>if applicable</i>) ☐ Universal Credits (<i>if applicable</i>)	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Student's Income ☐ Parental Household Income*** ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details <i>***This also applies to a student's legal guardian where the parent is not legally responsible.</i>
Yearly Household Income:	Weekly maintenance when student is only dependant	Weekly maintenance with 1 other dependent child in house	Weekly maintenance with 1 other dependent student in house
£24,274	£99.35	£99.35	£99.35
£28,000	£88.68	£92.21	£94.01
£35,000	£70.59	£74.13	£84.97
£45,000	£44.75	£48.29	£72.05

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7. Student Funding

Married / Established Relationship

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➤ Married

➤ Living with a partner in an established relationship

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Married / Established Relationship

Circumstance:	May be considered for:	Documents required:	Information required:
Married or living with a partner in an established relationship (<i>residency and previous study rules apply</i>)	☒ Fees Paid ☒ Maximum weekly payment of £125.55 ☒ Travel Allowance** ☒ Study Materials	☐ Birth Certificate or Valid Passport ☐ Joint Council Tax Notice ☐ Joint Universal Credits (<i>if applicable</i>) ☐ Partner's P60	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Proof of your income ☐ Proof of partner's income ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details
Married or living with a partner in an established relationship with children. (<i>residency and previous study rules apply</i>)	☒ Fees Paid ☒ Maximum weekly payment of £125.55 ☒ Travel Allowance** ☒ Study Materials ☒ Childcare	☐ Birth Certificate or Valid Passport ☐ Joint Council Tax Notice ☐ Joint Universal Credits (<i>if applicable</i>) ☐ Partner's P60 ☐ Children's Birth Certificates	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Proof of your income ☐ Proof of partner's income ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details
Yearly Household Income:	Weekly maintenance when no dependants	Weekly maintenance with 1 dependent child in house	Weekly maintenance with 1 other dependent student in house
£20,643	£125.55	£125.55	£125.55
£27,000	£108.08	£111.61	£116.81
£35,000	£87.41	£90.94	£106.48
£45,000	£61.57	£65.10	£93.56

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8. Student Funding

Childcare Funding

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

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This quick guide offers information for students who would like to apply for assistance with formal childcare costs and fall into the following categories:

- Must have dependent child
- Must have completed a Further Education funding application
- Must be paying for registered childcare costs to allow you to attend college as per your agreed timetable or for placement days that are a mandatory part of your course

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Childcare Funding

Circumstance:	Eligibility:	Documents required:	Information required:
Married or living with a partner	✓ Must have completed Further Education funding application ✓ Must have formal registered Childcare costs as per your college timetable or for placement days that are a mandatory part of your course. ✓ Partner must be employed and unavailable to look after children	☐ Birth certificate ☐ Universal Credits ☐ Child(rens) birth certificate(s) ☐ Household Income e.g. P60 ☐ College Timetable	☐ Personal Details Childcare ☐ Providers Details College ☐ statement of hours ☐ Childcare Provider's Bank Details ☐ Completed Declaration signed by both Childcare Provider and Student
Lone parent	✓ Must have completed Further Education funding application ✓ Must have formal registered Childcare costs	☐ Birth certificate ☐ Universal Credits ☐ Child(rens) birth certificate(s) ☐ Council Tax Notice showing single occupancy College ☐ Timetable	☐ Personal Details Childcare ☐ Providers Details College ☐ statement of hours ☐ Childcare Providers Bank Details ☐ Completed Declaration signed by both Childcare Provider and Student

Gross Annual Income	College to pay % of calculated award	
£50,977 or less	100%	- Ayrshire College operates an online childcare funding application - Once offered place on a course you will be invited to apply by text/email as soon as system applications open - Documents requested must be uploaded into your online account. Assistance is available to help with this process if required
£50,978 or more	0%	

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9. Student Funding

Childcare Funding

(HNC and HND)

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This quick guide offers information for students who would like to apply for assistance with formal childcare costs and fall into the following categories:

- Must have dependent child
- Must have applied for all available support from Student Award Agency Scotland (SAAS) including Student Loan and supplementary grants
- Must be paying for registered childcare costs to allow you to attend college as per your agreed timetable or for placement days that are a mandatory part of your course
- Must meet the eligibility criteria for Tuition Fees to be considered for assistance from the childcare fund. Lone parents can be considered for the Lone Parent Childcare Grant even if they are not eligible for Tuition Fee Support

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Childcare Funding

Circumstance:	Eligibility:	Documents required:	Information required:
Married or living with a partner	✓ Must be eligible for Tuition Fee Support ✓ Must have applied for Student Loan and Supplementary Grants ✓ Must have formal registered Childcare costs as per your college timetable or placement days that are mandatory ✓ Partner must be employed and unavailable to look after children	☐ Birth certificate ☐ Universal Credits ☐ Child(rens) birth certificate(s) ☐ Household Income e.g. P60 ☐ College Timetable ☐ SAAS Award Letter	☐ Personal Details ☐ Childcare Provider's Details ☐ College statement of hours ☐ Childcare Provider's Bank Details ☐ Completed Declaration signed by both Childcare Provider and Student
Lone parent	✓ Must have applied for Tuition Fees, Lone Parent Grant, Student Loan and Supplementary Grants ✓ Must have formal registered Childcare costs as per your College timetable or for placement days that are a mandatory part of your course ✓ Must be eligible for Tuition Fee Support otherwise eligible for Lone Parent Childcare Grant only	☐ Birth certificate ☐ Universal Credits ☐ SAAS Award Letter ☐ Child(rens) birth certificate(s) ☐ Household Income e.g. P60 ☐ College Timetable ☐ Council tax award notice	☐ Personal Details Childcare ☐ Provider's Details College ☐ statement of hours Childcare ☐ Provider's Bank Details ☐ Completed Declaration signed by both Childcare Provider and Student
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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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Funding Quick Guide

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>

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11. Student Funding

Student eligible to apply for the Care Experienced Bursary

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The terms Care Experienced, Care Leaver and Looked After refer to people who have experience of being in care at any time of their lives (*regardless of current age*) or who are currently looked after. It includes any student who is under the care of the Local Authority, including (but not limited to) where the care is being provided in the student's own home, in their parent(s) home, in the home of relatives, in a foster home, a care home or a residential unit.

Students who fall into one of the following categories should disclose this within their online funding application as soon as they apply for funding.

In Foster Care, Kinship Care (as a result of a compulsory supervision order), Residential Care, Compulsory

Supervision Order with no condition of residence (Looked after at home) , Compulsory Supervision Order with a condition of residence (Looked after away from home)

The Care Experienced Bursary is a non-means tested award. It is however important that any student in receipt of government benefit explores the potential impact that the Care Experienced award may have on any existing entitlement. We will always aim to provide the most beneficial outcome.

Students must be beyond their statutory school leaving date and meet residency requirements to be considered for Bursary support.

Note: Students in informal - non-compulsory care arrangements who are not looked after under the meaning of the relevant legislation, will now be considered for funding as Care Experienced where social work services have been involved.

Student eligible to apply for the Care Experienced Bursary

Eligibility: <i>(residency and previous study rules apply)</i>	Documents required:	Information required:
✓ Fees Paid ✓ £225.00 weekly allowance ✓ Travel Allowance** Study ✓ Materials	☐ Birth Certificate or Passport ☐ Letter from social worker confirming care experienced status	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Proof of your income ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details

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Students eligible for the Care Experienced Bursary can also apply for additional financial support through our Discretionary Fund and/or Childcare Fund (if required)

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12. Student Funding

Students eligible to remain on Universal Credit

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In receipt of Universal Credit and fall into a category below:

- are responsible for a child or young person;
- are under 21 when you start the course, and you are 'without parental support' (see below)
- have limited capability for work and also get adult disability payment (ADP) or personal independence payment (PIP)
- are a single foster parent;
- are a member of a student couple and one of you is a foster parent;
- are over the qualifying age for pension credit and your partner has not yet reached that age;
- have a partner who is not a student, or who is a student but would be eligible for UC her/himself while studying;
- have taken time out because of illness or caring responsibilities, you have now recovered or your caring responsibilities have ended, and you are not eligible for a grant or loan

If you are in one of the above groups and have a partner who is also a student, you can make a joint claim for UC with them, even if they are not in one of these groups.

'Without parental support' for UC means you:

- are an orphan; or
- cannot live with your parents because you are estranged from them, or because there is a serious risk to your physical or mental health, or you would face significant harm if you lived with them; or
- are living away from your parents, and they cannot support you financially because they are ill or disabled, in prison or not allowed to enter Great Britain.

Note: if you are aged 16 or 17 and receiving education, you can only claim UC if you are in one of the first three bullet points - ie, you have a child, are without parental support and in non-advanced education, or are ill or disabled. If you are a 16/17-year-old care leaver and are receiving education, you can only claim if you have a child or are ill or disabled, and you cannot get help with housing costs.

Students eligible to remain on Universal Credit

Circumstance:	Eligibility:	Documents required:	Information required:
If you fall into one of the categories which allows you to remain on Universal Credit (residency and previous study rules apply)	✓ Fees Paid ✓ £28 weekly living allowance ✓ Travel Allowance** ✓ Study Materials ✓ Childcare Costs (if applicable)	☐ Birth Certificate or Valid Passport ☐ Universal Credit Award letter ☐ Council Tax Award Notice ☐ Partner's P60 (if applicable) ☐ Child/children's birth certificate	☐ Personal Details ☐ Education ☐ Bank Details ☐ Travel Details ☐ Household Income Figures

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13. Student Funding

Students who are Carers

A carer is anyone, including children and adults, who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without your support.

In Scotland, Carers Allowance has now been replaced with the new Carer Support payment. This replacement benefit does not count as income which means you can study fulltime, receive student funding, as well as the new Carer's Support payment (subject to meeting Social Security Scotland eligibility rules).

Full-time courses consist of a minimum of 21 hours per week, even if you are not timetabled or taught for this number of hours. This is the definition of all full-time courses as it includes not just classes, lectures and seminars, but also individual study for course work.

If you claim Universal Credits that includes an amount because you have caring responsibilities, then you may be able to remain on Universal Credits, however this does not apply to all students, and you are advised to seek further advice.

You are not usually eligible if you are in full-time, non-advanced education age 16-19, although exceptions apply.

This information is also available in an accessible format on our website:
<https://www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/college-life/student-funding-and-money-support>

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Students who are Carers

This quick guide shows types of funding and who can apply

Further Education						
Student Age/ Support	Type of Course	Fees Paid	Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)	FE Bursary Fund	FE Discretionary Fund	Childcare Funds
16-17	Full Time Part Time	✓ ✓ ...	✓ ✓	✓ *	✓	✓
Under 25 & Parentally Supported ..	Full Time Part Time	✓ ✓ ...		✓ ✓ *	✓ ✓	
Over 25 or under 25 & self supporting, or Care Experienced	Full Time Part Time	✓ ✓ ...		✓ ✓ *	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Higher Education						
			Student Loan/ Care Experienced Bursary	Lone Parent Grant/ Lone Parent Childcare Grant	Independent/ Young Student Bursary	Childcare Funds
HNC - HND	Full Time	✓ Previous study rules may apply	✓	✓ Lone parents only	✓	✓ Previous study rules may apply
HNC - HND	Part Time (Part-time fee grant available)	✓ ***				✓ Discretionary fund only

* 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 dependant children *** You may qualify for Fee Waiver **** Must be a part-time fundable course

Additional Support and Information

For more information and useful links please visit <https://www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/media/hib02oi/student-carers-information-pack-august-2025.pdf>

Here you will find the College's pledge and what we intend to do to support you as a carer. You will also find useful information on the Young Carers Grant, Young Carers Package, where you can seek pastoral support and some useful contact emails and telephone numbers.