

12. Student Funding

Students eligible to remain on Universal Credit

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

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.

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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

- Ayrshire College operates an online bursary 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 application account (staff support is available if required).

**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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