

NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary for students commencing a course at Nottingham Trent University in 2020/2021

Nottingham Trent University will be awarding a Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary of £1000 to eligible full-time undergraduates who commence their studies at Nottingham Trent University in 2020.

Am I eligible?

You should be eligible to receive the Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary if you meet ALL of the following criteria:

- You have been in the care of a local authority in the UK (or have been looked after by relatives who have a court order to look after you in the UK) at some point since the age of 16; *or*
- Have been a Foyer resident in the UK at some point since the age of 16; *and*
- You are under the age of 25 on 1 September 2020; *and*
- You are enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree course or foundation degree course commencing in 2020.

How much will I receive?

The Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary is a **£1000** cash award, paid directly into your bank account, to supplement living costs and is paid for each year of your course.

You do not have to repay the bursary and you will be eligible regardless of your household income.

Please be aware if you are eligible to receive the NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary you will not be eligible for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary.

When should I apply for the NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary?

You can apply as soon as you have a firm unconditional or conditional offer of a place at Nottingham Trent University, we would urge you to **apply no later than 04 September 2020** so we can make all the necessary arrangements to help your transition into NTU.

If you miss this deadline you can still apply up until the end of July 2021, but we would urge you to apply early so you can access important advice and information to help make your transition to studying at Nottingham Trent University as seamless as possible.

We would urge you to apply to your national Student Finance Service as soon as they open (which should be during February/March 2020).

How do I apply?

If you meet all the eligibility criteria listed above, you can apply for the NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary.

To apply, you will need to email careleaverbursary@ntu.ac.uk and you will be sent a link to our online application form.

This short online form will capture some basic information about you, your studies at NTU and your time spent in care or as a foyer resident.

The application process will not require you to disclose anything about the circumstances surrounding your time in care or as a foyer resident. You are, however, asked to provide evidence of your time in care or time spent in a Foyer residence. Please email your evidence to financial.support@ntu.ac.uk.

When emailing your evidence of time in care or a foyer residence, please type 'Care Leaver / Foyer Bursary Evidence' in the subject line of your email.

If I apply, who will my information be shared with?

NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary applications are only seen by staff with the Department of Student Support Services who are involved with the administration of the NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary scheme and dedicated Student Support Staff who offer transition support to Care Leavers & Foyer Resident residents. Details of the bursary payment will be shared with the Student Loans Company (SLC), as the University uses the SLC's bursary service to facilitate its bursary payments.

What happens next?

On receipt of your application, your eligibility for the bursary will be assessed and a member of the Student Financial Support team will contact you to advise you of the outcome of your application (or to request additional information if necessary) If you are eligible for a Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary, you will receive written confirmation of your bursary entitlement and details of the bursary payment arrangements. You will also be contacted by a member of the Student Support Services team to arrange a meeting to discuss the help available to support your transition to University. Please note, bursary payments will not be released until the bursary recipient is fully enrolled on their course.

How and when is the money paid?

The bursary will be split into two equal instalments of £500 payable on the following dates:

11 November 2020

24 February 2021

Payment dates will, in some cases, be affected by the date the application is received and assessed and when you have met with a member of the Student Support Services team to discuss transition support.

The NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary will be paid directly into your bank account. Payment will usually be made by SLC, on behalf of the University, using the account details supplied by the student to the Student Loans Company.

What if I am not sure I am eligible?

If you are not sure, whether you will be eligible for a NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary, and want more information please feel free to contact us directly by e-mailing transition.support@ntu.ac.uk and a Student Support Officer will be happy to contact you to discuss this further.

Further information and advice

Further information for care leavers is available on our website:
www.ntu.ac.uk/careleavers

You can also find out about the range of other grants, loans and bursaries available to students studying at Nottingham Trent University by visiting:
www.ntu.ac.uk/financialsupport

Our Student Financial Advisers can offer advice on student funding and also help with financial planning and preparing a budget ready to come to University.

For further information, or to book an appointment with an adviser, contact the Student Financial Support Service.

Telephone: **0115 848 2494**

E mail: **financial.support@ntu.ac.uk**

Now's the time to plan your finances for University

As someone who is thinking of studying at Nottingham Trent University, you can access Blackbullion, a free online learning platform that provides engaging, easy to use digital resources and tools designed to improve your financial literacy. The 'Money Ready for Uni' pathway is specifically designed to help you prepare for university life. Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/blackbullion and sign up using the access code **NTU2020** (or your NTU ID number if you have one)