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Money for higher education from Torbay Social Services

This is a general outline of the financial support you can expect Torbay Care to Community team to provide you with if you are starting a higher education course in 2009 and have been in our care. If there is anything else you think you will need to help you through your higher education course, make sure you discuss it with your personal adviser as extra support may be available for you on top of what is listed here.

Make sure it's in your Pathway Plan

A realistic outline of your costs, as well as the financial support the Care to Community team has agreed to give you while you are in higher education, should be set out clearly in your Pathway Plan.

Applying for higher education

- + We will pay the UCAS application fee.
- + We will pay for you and a staff member to go to an Open Day at a university or college including travel costs and one night's accommodation in a hotel if it is a considerable distance away.

Is there an age limit?

Support that you get as a care leaver would usually end on your 21st birthday, but if you started a higher education course before you turned 21 then you can continue getting this support from Care to Community until you turn 24 or until you complete your degree – whichever happens first.

Vacation accommodation

- + Where you are able to return to your previous carer, we will pay your carer an allowance while you are staying.
- + Where alternative accommodation is needed, we will pay the cost of your rent up to £100 per week and pay you a living allowance.

Course costs

We will provide you with a laptop, a scanner, a printer and the relevant software needed for your higher education course.

Travel costs

We will provide you with a rail warrant to pay for travel to and from your university or college at the beginning and end of each term.

Term-time accommodation

We will pay the deposit for student accommodation on your behalf.



Contact details

Leaving Care Workers
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Other Support

The support in this leaflet is provided by Torbay Social Services and comes on top of the student finance package available to eligible full- and part-time higher education students. Find out more about money for higher education in the main booklet or at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance



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