

Support provided by local authorities

Local authorities (e.g. city or county councils) continue to provide support to care leavers, even once they have reached the age of 18. However, the amounts and types of support provided depend on the local council the student came from. Below are some examples of the 'care leaver offers' provided by local authorities to students.

- [Trafford](#) offers: a higher education bursary of £2,000 provided each year; £80 per week to support living costs; a one off £100 grant for interview clothing.
- [Cheshire East](#) offers: a higher education bursary of £2,000 provided each year and up to £500 annually for books and materials; accommodation costs for the duration of study as well as £36 living allowance per week; a graduation gift of £100; smart clothes for an interview; a bike.
- [Stockport](#) offers: a higher education bursary of £2,000 provided each year and assistance towards essential books and materials; vacation payments of up to £100 per week; a graduation gift of £100. N.B.: this support is extended to postgraduate study.
- [Hampshire](#) offers: a higher education bursary of £2,000 provided each year.

To learn about the support other local authorities offer to care leavers please see the relevant local authority's website and look for their 'care leaver offer' as it should be published.

In addition to the support provided by local authorities, the University offers a range of resources – some are specific to care experienced students, whilst others are available to all – to provide [tailored advice to students](#), support them [financially](#) as well as [academically](#) and increase their [overall wellbeing](#).