

Student Finance Information for UK Undergraduate Care Leavers 2012/13

The tables below provide a useful guide of available funding for UK care leavers who are applying for full time undergraduate courses (NOT including NHS funded programmes) at the University of Manchester to start in September 2012. It is split into different sources of funding: StudentFinanceEngland, The University of Manchester, other sources of funding, and emergency funding once you have arrived.

Before starting, it's worth clarifying that a Grant is a payment or payments that do NOT have to be repaid by the recipient, whereas a Loan must be repaid at some stage.

StudentFinanceEngland:

The golden rule is to apply as soon as possible – you don't have to wait until you've been formally accepted onto a course. StudentFinanceEngland states that you will be able to apply from early 2012.

Name of Funding	Description	How much can I receive?	Do I have to pay it back?	Contact details/web info
Tuition Fee Loan	The Tuition Fee Loan covers the tuition fee the University of Manchester charges you. It is paid directly to the university on your behalf.	This loan will cover the cost of your tuition fees.	Yes, but not until you have left your course and are earning over £21,000 a year.	Telephone: 0845 300 50 90 Information and application form: http://www.direct.gov.uk/StudentFinance Frequently asked questions: http://studentfinance-yourfuture.direct.gov.uk/
Maintenance Loan	The loan helps to cover your living costs throughout the academic year. It is paid straight into your bank account in three instalments.	Up to £5,500. If you receive a Maintenance Grant you may receive a smaller Maintenance Loan.	Yes, but not until you have left your course and are earning over £21,000 a year.	
Maintenance Grant	The grant helps cover living costs throughout the academic year. It is paid into your bank account in three instalments along with your Maintenance Loan.	Up to £3,250 depending on your household income assessment.*	No.	

* Most care leavers will not have a household income: this will be assessed automatically during your StudentFinanceEngland application.

University of Manchester:

Name of Funding	Description	How much can I receive?	Do I have to pay it back?	Contact details/web info
The Opportunity Manchester Scholarship	The Scholarship will be awarded to students under the age of 25 who are currently or have been in public care for a minimum of three months.	£1,000 per year.	No.	<p data-bbox="1541 727 1927 760">Telephone: 0161 275 5000</p> <p data-bbox="1591 805 1877 837">Further information:</p> <p data-bbox="1461 841 2011 980">http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studentfinance/home-eu-2012/university-scholarships-and-bursaries/</p>
The Manchester Bursary	The Manchester Bursary is awarded to undergraduate students with a household income of up to £25,000.*	<p data-bbox="726 602 1205 704">Year 1: £1,000 cash bursary and £2,000 fee or accommodation discount.</p> <p data-bbox="726 748 1205 850">Subsequent years: £2,500 cash bursary, or a £2,500 fee discount, or a split between them.</p>	No.	
The Foundation Year Bursary	For students enrolling on Foundation 'Year 0' programmes in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Life Sciences, Science and Engineering.	£4,000 fee discount and £1,000 cash bursary for students with a household income of up to £25,000.*	No.	
Fee Discount For Year Abroad or Year in Industry	A one year fee discount is available for students with a household income of up to £25,000 wishing to experience a year abroad or in industry.	Standard specified fee of £4,500 reduced to zero.	No.	

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Other Funding:

Name of Funding	Description	How much can I receive?	Do I have to pay it back?	Contact details/web info
Higher Education Bursary	Any care leaver who starts a course by their 25th birthday is entitled to the HEB in addition to any other money and support that they are also entitled to or already provided with by their local authority.	A minimum of £2,000. This payment must not replace existing support.	No.	<p>The best person to speak to in the first instance is your social worker or personal advisor.</p> <p>For more information please see:</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2009/2274/contents/made</p> <p>and</p> <p>http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/families/childrenincare/a0066445/education-of-looked-after-children-frequently-asked-questions/#faq8</p>
The Frank Buttle Trust Grant Scheme for Students	The Trust provides financial support, particularly with living costs, to enable young people to undertake courses at university.	Dependent on circumstances.	No.	<p>For full details on the eligibility criteria and application process please visit:</p> <p>http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes-students-trainees-programme-46.html</p>