

FE FINANCIAL SUPPORT & BURSARIES 2024/25

HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS



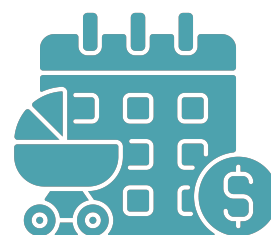
Childcare Support

If you are 20 years old or older, you have the opportunity to apply for bursary financial support towards childcare fees. This will be for timetabled teaching sessions. This means you could get some much-needed support for your little ones, but keep in mind that it's only available for a maximum of 3 children. Just a heads up, this support doesn't cover work placements or additional study sessions.

Now, when it comes to applying, your financial and childcare needs will be evaluated based on your timetabled hours. It's important to note that support is limited. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible before the term starts.

To be Eligible:

1. To be eligible for the Childcare bursary, you'll need to apply for the Further Education Bursary and be accepted. For further information please visit the financial support page on our website www.cornwall.ac.uk/financialsupport.
2. When it comes to childcare, the income considered will be based on your total household income, which will include your partner's income if applicable.
3. When applying for a bursary, learners will need to provide evidence for childcare. This can be a Birth/Adoption certificate or your Child Benefit letter with your child's name on.
4. It's important to note that your childcare provider needs to be registered with Ofsted.



Please note that if you are currently receiving Child Tax Credits or the childcare element of Universal Credits, you will not be eligible for childcare support. Additionally, it is important to utilise any free childcare hours that you are entitled to before seeking further assistance.



The Terms

1. Childcare support is for your timetabled days only.
2. In order for us to make a payment to your childcare provider, it's important to ensure that you attend your timetabled sessions. Failure to meet the conditions of 70% attendance, could result in the award being withdrawn.
3. Any childcare free hours that you receive must be used first on your college days.
4. We cannot provide support for work experience or self-study days. Additionally, it is crucial that all paperwork for childcare support is filled out accurately to ensure that the support can be put in place.
5. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide support for retainers, sundries, and registration fees.

Please note, bursaries can vary from year-to-year and these bursaries are for the academic year 2024-25. For more information, please visit our Financial Support Page on the website: cornwall.ac.uk/financial-support

Submitting Your Application

Completing your part

Once you have completed your application online for the Further Education Bursary, you will be sent a form to the email address that you have provided.

This will contain a two part form to complete and one declaration to sign, the first part is for you to complete. You must provide the correct details of the childcare provider you wish to use, along with your child's details. Please note that if you are using different providers for different children, you will be required to complete the form again for the other provider.

Provider section

After completing the initial section of the childcare form, you will need to take it to your childcare provider for them to complete. They will be asked to provide information on the free funding hours you are currently using and the hourly rates for your child's care while you are at college. It is important to note that the maximum award is £4250 per child per year.

Finally...

Once you have completed all sections of the childcare form and carefully read the attached terms and conditions, you can sign the declaration and return the form to the Student Bursary Team. You have the option to do this either by email, which you can find below or by uploading the completed form to your PayMyStudent account.



Get in touch with one of our specialist Bursary Advisors:
bursaries@cornwall.ac.uk
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FAQs

Q. Can I use my free childcare hours for Work Experience?

A. No, unfortunately the free hours must be used for timetabled days only and these hours must be used before the bursary steps in.

Q. I forgot to get my childcare paperwork in, will it be backdated?

A. We can only backdate childcare payments to the start of the term in which we receive the paperwork.

Q. I've been asked to come in for an extra day for study/trips, Will you cover my childcare?

A. No, unfortunately we are only able to cover timetabled teaching days.

Q. You sent me an email saying that my childcare has been approved but I have received another email with another application? Why is this?

A. The email that you have received confirms that you have been assessed as eligible for Childcare Bursary Funding support. We now need you to complete a two-part form, with your childcare provider, outlining the detail of dates, hours and charges.

Q. I have applied for my bursary but have not heard anything back?

A. The college receives a high volume of applications particularly before the start of the academic year, so please apply for your childcare bursary funding as soon as possible. We aim to respond to your request within 21 working days. You can log back in to your Pay My Student account at any time to check for any status updates. All correspondence sent to you will be here, along with any payment schedule of bursary awards..

Q. How do I apply for the Childcare Bursary?

A. It is really easy to apply for a college bursary and you can do this online via our Pay My Student portal. You can also upload any income evidence that is required to support your application here. The Pay My Student portal is PC, Tablet and Mobile friendly.

Q. I did not attend college but I still placed my child into Childcare, Can I still claim the costs?

A. No, Unfortunately, our childcare support is only available for the days you attend college, as clearly stated in our terms and conditions. This implies that any days beyond your scheduled college days will require you to personally bear the costs.

Q. How do I claim the childcare costs?

A. You do not need to claim the costs of your childcare. Your childcare provider should submit timesheets direct to us and we will process these for payment, once checks for attendance and costs have been made. If you are unsure of your free childcare hours entitlement, you can scan the QR code below.

Check your entitlement for
free childcare hours.



For further information
on Financial support.



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