

Care Leavers Entitlements September 2018

Criteria – Eligible & Relevant Young Person aged 16-17	Entitlements
Weekly Allowance	£30 for all placement types (with the exception of external fostering i.e. IFA's & residential placements)
Additional Payment if in Education and Training	<p>If you are either in FT Education or attending 90% of your course you will also be entitled to a £30 per week education bursary:- https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/overview</p> <p>NB. If you are not able to claim the £30 education bursary, this could be paid by DCC but evidence must be provided.</p> <p>Up to £100 worth of vouchers when final qualifications gained or have completed training course.</p> <p>Up to a maximum £200 per course for books, stationary and equipment (pro rata for part time courses).</p> <p>Additional support for equipment is subject to assessment.</p>
Rent will be covered up to 18	Market rent, subject to assessment (see policy)
Cost of special clothes or expenses for work, education or training	Individually assessed to consider specific requirements relevant to the course or job.
Rent Guarantor	DCC as a guarantor would be in place as a safety net for landlords in case the tenant fails to meet rental payments. An assessment will be undertaken by your PA to assess financial and emotional capacity to manage a tenancy. Your PA will also check the property for suitability with you. You will also need to provide 3 months bank statements. The landlord will need to give agreement that they will advise the Local Authority if payments are missed. The LA will remain your guarantor for up to 8 weeks if payments are missed. After 8 weeks it is likely you will be given notice by a landlord to vacate the property if actions have not been put in place for you to pay the rent arrears.
Emergency Payments	£10 can be paid. This may be deducted from your future allowance, if it happens more than three times a year but will depend on individual circumstances

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Birthday allowances	£205.24 for 16 th & 17 th birthday and £249.71 for 18 th Birthday for all placement types (In external fostering and residential placements, this allowance is paid directly by the provider)
Setting up home allowance	You will be entitled to a grant of £2000 to enable you to set up your new home if you are moving into independent living. This will either be given in vouchers, paid into your bank or we are working on you being able to access this on a pre-payment card. This may be paid incrementally will be dependent on individual circumstances. This will only be paid once.
Religious Holiday allowance such as Eid, Xmas	£205.24 for 16 & 17 year olds and £249.71 for 18 year olds for all placement types (In external fostering & residential placements, this allowance is paid directly by the provider)
Driving/ Transport	If you pay for 5 lessons DCC will pay for a further 5. Ongoing lessons will need to be met at a cost of 50-50 up to a maximum of 10 lessons. The CBT motorcycle training will also be paid (not both car and bike). Devon County Council will pay for 50% of the cost of your driving and theory test and 50% of the cost of your driving licence – these costs will only be paid once
Passports	Devon County Council will support young people to apply for and pay the cost of a passport
Criteria -Formerly Relevant Young Person (Care Leavers aged 18-25 years old)	Entitlements
If you are in education or training you will be entitled to universal benefits (including the income support element and the Housing Benefit). This must be claimed and can be claimed 6 weeks before your 18 Birthday.	You will also be able to claim £30 incentive payment to help support travel, subsistence and other costs.
Staying Put	If you are in a 'staying put' placement and you are employed earning more than £100 per week (net) you must pay 50% of anything over

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	<p>£100 as rent to DCC. Up to maximum of £300 a month</p>
<p>If you are not in education, employment or training you will be entitled to Job Seekers Allowance/benefits</p>	<p>Additional financial support can be gained for special clothes for interview, training experience etc.</p>
<p>Tenancy</p>	<p>The start-up costs of a tenancy such as the costs of deposits and retainers for privately let tenancies. The deposit is the young persons and will roll forward to the next accommodation once it is returned</p> <p>Costs of deposits, retainers & first month's rent, will only be paid if they are not available elsewhere, young people will be expected to check with the local council to see if they will pay these costs.</p>
<p>Rent Guarantor</p>	<p>The guarantor would be in place as a safety net for landlords in case the applicant fails on rental payments. An assessment will be undertaken by a PA to assess financial and emotional capacity to manage a tenancy. Your PA will also need to check the property for suitability. You will need to provide 3 months bank statements. The landlord will need to give agreement that they will advise the Local Authority if payments are missed. The LA will remain your guarantor for up to 8 weeks if rental payments are missed. After 8 weeks it is likely you will be given notice by a landlord to vacate the property if actions have not been put in place for you to pay the rent arrears.</p>
<p>University</p>	<p>Young people can claim the following for 1 degree or 1 post a-level course</p> <p>A weekly living allowance of £60. A bursary of £2000 per academic year to cover accommodation costs during term time. This will be paid in termly instalments.</p> <p>Help and support with vacation accommodation. You should contact your PA.</p> <p>Graduation costs- tickets (usually 2) and hire of gown and photograph.</p>

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Driving lessons	If you pay for 5 lessons DCC will pay for a further 5, ongoing lessons will need to be met in cost 50-50 up to a maximum of 10 lessons. The CBT motorcycle training will also be paid (not both car and bike).
Emergency	£10 will be paid on a pre payment card. This may be a loan if happens more than three times a year dependent on circumstances
Passport	Devon County Council will support young people to apply for and pay the cost of a passport
Criteria- Qualifying young person	Entitlements
Financial Support	Financial support is only given in exceptional circumstances. You will need to have a full assessment of your need completed by a personal advisor.
Accommodation	If at university, in exceptional circumstances holiday accommodation will be provided if there are no other supportive adults / accommodation options/ benefits or other options available.
N.B. For ALL young people receiving financial support ;	
<p>All young people should endeavour to be responsible and as with any good parent there is an expectation from us that if you have disposable income you save money to budget for future purchases and life events. If it appears that you are spending money without considering your future needs or are appearing to misuse* the money, then your income may be reduced. This money will be saved until you are able to evidence that you are using your money wisely.</p> <p>*This includes alcohol, illegal drugs, where others appear to be using your money or where you are putting yourself at risk.</p>	