

Types of Care Experience (from SAAS Guide - continued)

Compulsory Supervision Order with no condition of residence (Looked after at home)

Where a child or young person is subject, through the Children's Hearing system, to a Compulsory Supervision Order with no condition of residence, that child or young person continues to live at their normal residence (often the family home). This is known as being looked after at home. Where this happens, the hearing panel will have decided that the child's welfare is best assured by living with their parents. Social workers and any other relevant partners must then work closely together as well as with the child and family to achieve to objectives for which the home supervision order was made.

Compulsory Supervision Order with a condition of residence (Looked after away from home)

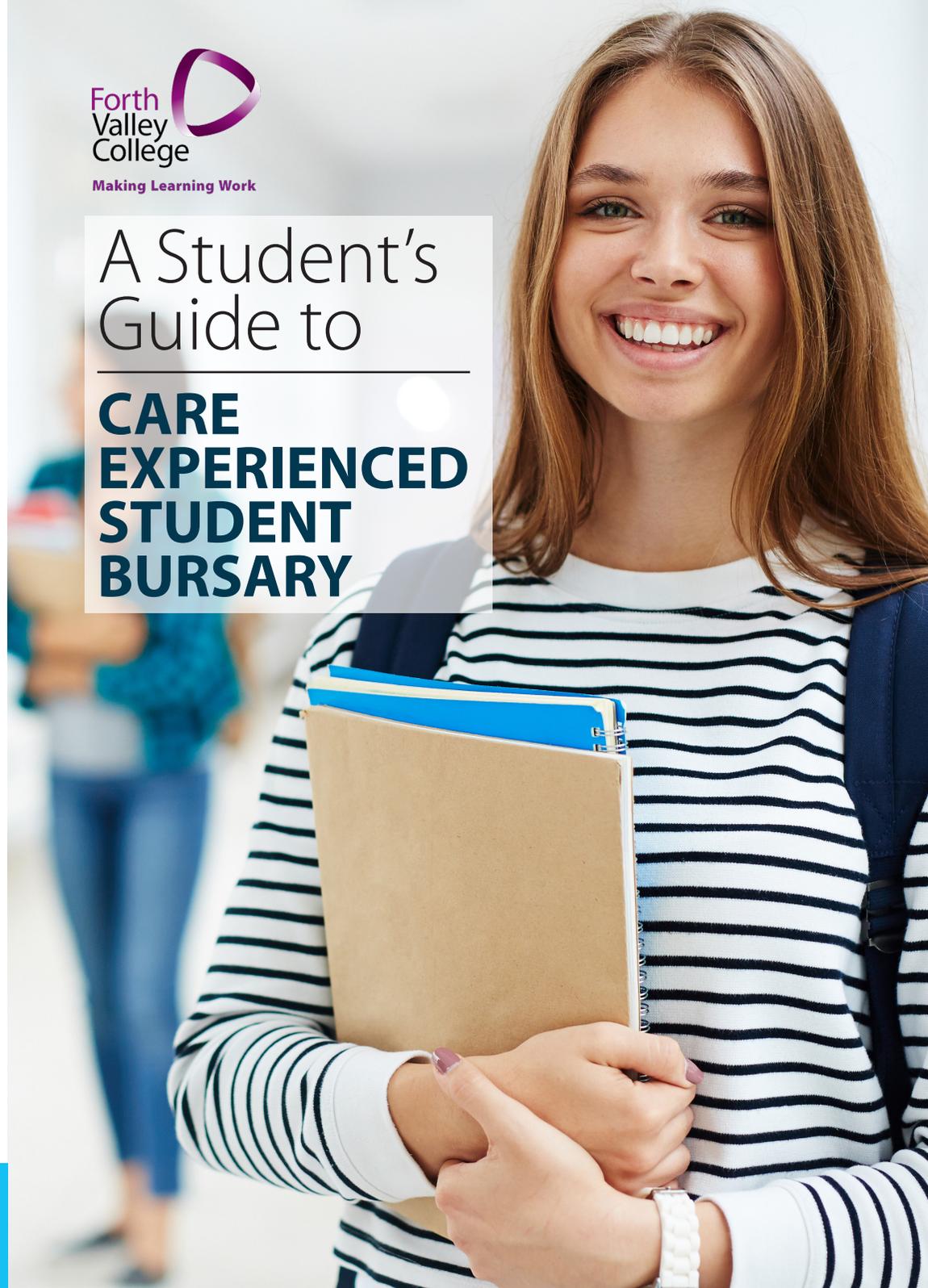
Where a child (or young person) has either: been through the Children's Hearings system and is subject to a Compulsory Supervision Order with a condition of residence; is subject to an order made or authorisation or warrant granted by virtue of Chapter 2, 3 or 4 of Part II of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995; is being provided with accommodation under Section 25 (a voluntary agreement); or is placed by a local authority which has made a permanence order under Section 80 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007. In these cases the child is cared for away from their normal place of residence, by foster or kinship carers, prospective adopters, in residential care homes, residential schools or secure units.

If your circumstances are not described above, you may still be eligible to apply for support as a Care Experienced Student.

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A Student's Guide to

CARE EXPERIENCED STUDENT BURSARY



Care Experienced Student Bursary

What is a Care Experienced Bursary?

Care Experienced Students who are studying an FE Level Course can apply to the College for a Care Experienced Student Bursary. For the 2020-21 session the Bursary available will be £202.50 per week. HE Students can apply directly to SAAS for this funding.

This is a non-means tested Bursary and students will still be eligible to apply for additional funding such as assistance with travel costs, study materials, childcare and housing costs. They will also be able to access our Student Assistance Fund.

Am I eligible for a Care Experienced Bursary?

You may be eligible to claim the Care Experienced Student Bursary if:

- You have ever been looked after by a Local Authority in the UK; and
- You are beyond your statutory school leaving date

To apply for the Bursary, click the Care Experienced option on the Assessment Details page of your Funding Application.

What evidence will I be required to submit?

If you have checked the "care leaver or currently in care" option on your Funding Application, we will require a letter from a care worker, social work or local authority to support your application. This can be emailed directly to Student Funding or passed to our Front of House Team who will scan your document and return the original to you. If you are struggling to find this evidence contact a member of the Student Funding team.

Sources of advice for Care Experienced Students

While you are studying at the College, as well as financial support, we have a dedicated Guidance and Student Support Team at each of our campuses who can offer help and support, support provided will be tailored to individual needs. To find out more about support available click here.

Some other useful contacts are:

- Who Cares? Scotland** <http://www.whocarescotland.org/>
NUS Scotland www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-scotland
Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum <https://www.staf.scot/>

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Type of Care Experience	Type of Arrangement
Adoption	<p>Adoption is a legal process which replaces a child's birth parents with new adoptive parents.</p> <p>Children who are adopted will almost always have been looked after by a local authority, except in cases where a step parent adopts the child of their partner, or the adopted child comes from a country outside of the United Kingdom (an inter-country adoption).</p> <p>Only those who have been looked after and went on to be adopted can be considered for the bursary</p>
Foster care	<p>Unlike adoption, fostering is a temporary arrangement - on either a short or long-term basis - and many children in foster care will return to their birth family. Some fostered children are eventually adopted, either by their foster carer or by another family.</p> <p>Local authorities can only place children with foster carers who have been approved by an agency registered with the Care Inspectorate. Such agencies include local authorities, voluntary organisations and independent sector providers.</p>
Kinship care	<p>Kinship care is when a child is looked after by their extended family or close friends, if they cannot remain with their birth parents. Under the Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009, kinship carers are defined as "a person who is related to the child (through blood, marriage or civil partnership) or a person with whom the child has a pre-existing relationship".</p> <p>Kinship care includes children who are looked after and are placed in a formal kinship care arrangement by the local authority.</p>
Residential care	<p>Residential care homes offer young people (usually of secondary school age) a safe place to live away from their families. Residents live alongside a number of other young people in the home, cared for by staff who do not live on site.</p> <p>Most young people who live in a residential establishment will have been assessed as needing to be cared for away from home by the local authority. Young people are placed in residential care on the recommendation of a Children's Hearing Panel, or on an emergency (short-term) basis to guarantee their safety.</p>