

Help With Childcare Costs While You Study

Financial support for parents and carers



Care to Learn

For parents under 20 years old who are studying

Funding is available to cover childcare deposits and registration fees



Discretionary Learning Support

For parents over 20 years old in higher education

The money can help pay for childcare - if you qualify



Student Finance

There's no upper age limit for tuition fees, loans or grants.

Get extra money on top of this, **for example if you're on a low income, are disabled or have children.**



Childcare Grant

For parents in full time higher education with children under 15 years old (under 17 years old with special educational needs and disabilities)

You can get back up to 85% of your childcare costs if you are eligible



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Care to Learn

Weekly payments from Care to Learn if you're at school or sixth-form college

- Help through your college if you're in further education
- A weekly grant if you're in full-time higher education

You could get weekly payments through Care to Learn if you're under 20 at the start of a publicly-funded course, such as a school or sixth form.

You can apply for Discretionary Learner Support to pay for childcare if you're 20 or over and in further education, for example, if you're studying for an NVQ, BTEC or PGCE.

Discretionary Learner Support (DLS)

If you're aged 19 or over, on a further education course and facing financial hardship, you could get Discretionary Learner Support (DLS). You apply to your learning provider (eg your college) for DLS. How much you get depends on your circumstances.

Student Finance

Whether you qualify for student finance depends on:

- your university or college
- your course
- if you've studied a higher education course before
- your age
- your nationality or residency status

To see what extra help you can get, check the student calculator: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>

Childcare Grant

You may be eligible for help with your learning and childcare costs if you:

- are a full-time higher education student
- have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs
- **The grant doesn't have to be paid back** and is paid on top of your other student finance

You must be eligible for student finance to apply for a Childcare Grant.

www.haringey.gov.uk/freeearlylearning

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Free 15 hours per week for all families of 3 and 4 year olds.

You do not need to apply to Haringey Council, simply go directly to the approved childcare provider of your choice (in or out of Haringey).

You will still receive free 15 hours even if you are not eligible for the free 30 hour offer.

For more information and a list of approved providers in Haringey go to:

www.haringey.gov.uk/freeearlyeducation3and4

Free 15 hours per week for some 2 year olds

For low income families in receipt certain benefits. Also, if you work, earn £16,190 a year or less and are in receipt of Tax Credits you may be eligible.

For more information and to see if you meet the criteria go to:

www.haringey.gov.uk/freefor2s

Getting the help with your childcare costs will depend on your personal circumstances.

For further information and to see what you can apply for, go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk