

## GUIDANCE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

### Before going to University

If your Young Person is going to University, you will need to provide them with a letter for student finance confirming the dates they were looked after and the dates they became former relevant (i.e. 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday) in order for them to claim as a financially independent student.

You will need to confirm that we have supported them financially with subsistence payments and through State Benefits.

### Evidence to Receive Financial Support from YAS

**All bursary payments will be released at the beginning of the academic year once we have been provided with documents that they have secured a place at their chosen university.**

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### **HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY**

Under The Children Act 1989 (Higher Education Bursary) (England) Regulations 2009 all **Former Relevant** care leavers attending university are to be provided with a higher education bursary to the value of £2000 over the life of the course they are attending.

The bursary will be paid into the young person's bank account on confirmation/proof of acceptance onto the course via UCAS once a year at the beginning of term i.e. September/October. The payments will be split as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> year £700
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year £700
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year £600

Please note for those students progressing to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their degree, written confirmation from the University is needed that they are progressing to their next year.

For those people who change courses, the financial assistance will be divided accordingly for the remainder of the bursary payments.

All allowances paid to young people will be based on them obtaining and sustaining a place on a full-time course. Personal Advisers will need to be informed of any changes during University and will need a written consent from the young person to verify attendance with university or education establishment.

### **HOLIDAY RENT**

The financial package that Haringey's Young Adults Service will put in place to support a care leaver at university will be as follows:

Christmas and Easter vacation a maximum sum of £100 per week will be paid towards rent payments for a period of up to 3 weeks, in each holiday. **Please note that summer rent payments will not be paid in the final year as the expectation would be that the Care Leaver finds full time employment or claims for Universal Credit.**

During the summer break a sum of £100 (max) will be paid towards rent for a maximum of 14 weeks. During the summer vacation there is an expectation that young people will actively seek paid employment.

Any assistance will be based on a copy of the tenancy agreement being submitted approximately one month before the rent payment period.

Those students who are on welfare benefits i.e. lone parents, are not eligible for holiday rent as they are able to claim housing benefit.