



**Unite Foundation
Scholarship Scheme
2018/19**

**Eligibility
&
Application Form**

Eligibility

What is the Unite Foundation scholarship?

The scholarship gives you a **free** student bedroom in a purpose built Unite Students building for 3 years of your university life. No rent, no bills; 365 days a year for up to 3 years of eligible study.

In 2018/19 there are 70 Unite Foundation Scholarships available.

How do I apply?

Do not send your application directly to the Foundation. The Unite Foundation works in partnership with 28 universities and applications can only be submitted by your current or first choice university. This is to make sure that elements of your eligibility are confirmed and also to connect you to university staff dedicated to supporting you in achieving your potential in Higher Education.

Which universities are part of the Unite Foundation Scholarship Scheme?

Aston University	Queen Mary University of London
Bath Spa University	Robert Gordon University
Bournemouth University	Sheffield Hallam University
Brunel University London	University of Bristol
De Montfort University	University College London (UCL)
Edinburgh Napier University	University of Edinburgh
Glasgow Caledonian University	University of Exeter
Huddersfield University	University of Portsmouth
King's College London	University of Reading
Leeds Beckett University	University of Salford
Liverpool John Moores University	University of Sheffield
London Metropolitan University	University of Strathclyde
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of the West of England (UWE)
Plymouth University	University of Westminster

Who is eligible for a Unite Foundation scholarship?

To apply for the Unite Foundation Scholarship Scheme you need to meet and evidence the following eligibility criteria:

	Eligibility	Evidence
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged 25 or under on 1 September 2018	University confirmation
2	<input type="checkbox"/> UK home fee status student ie not an international student	University confirmation
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Studying at, or holding a first choice offer from, one of the 28 Unite Foundation Universities	University confirmation
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Undertaking first and only course of undergraduate study	University confirmaton
5	<input type="checkbox"/> In receipt of, or applying for, student finance	Student finance documentation
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Care leaver OR <input type="checkbox"/> Not supported by family (estranged)	Local authority or student finance documentation

Please read the descriptions below carefully to see if you are able to meet the principle scheme criteria of care leaver OR estranged. If you are unsure of your eligibility or the back-up documentation needed, please get in touch with your current or first choice university. They will be able to offer help with this application or give you advice on other avenues of support to pursue. Contact Unite Foundation on info@unitefoundation.co.uk if you're not sure who to speak to.

Care leaver

Care leaver is a formal status that can begin at age 16 and lasts until aged 21, or aged 25 if in Higher Education. There are several different categories of care leaver but all legal definitions are eligible for the Unite Foundation Scholarship Scheme.

Ask your local authority for a letter on headed paper confirming that you are a statutory care leaver; ideally stating which category you fall into (ie relevant, former relevant, eligible or qualifying). See example letter below. Ask them to capture on this letter the support they will provide for you whilst you are at university.

Estranged from family

If you are estranged from both of your biological, adoptive parents, or only living parent, you will be eligible to apply for the Unite Foundation Scholarship Scheme as an estranged student. Student Finance England (SFE) or the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) considers you an independent student on the basis of being estranged from your parents if you are permanently not in contact with your parents.

Securing independent student status on the basis of estrangement with Student Finance can sometimes be time consuming and difficult. If you are struggling with this process do contact your current or first choice university for help or get in touch with StandAlone which has a dedicated student section on their website. standalone.org.uk/students/

Ask your student finance/award office for a letter on headed paper stating that you have been assessed as an independent student on the basis of estrangement. See example letter below. If you are unable to secure a letter (SFE /SAAS are under no obligation to provide one) then please enclose a copy of your student finance arrangement along with the supporting documents already provided by you to them as evidence of your estrangement.



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To whom it may concern

I can confirm that [redacted] has been under care of the local authority of Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council from [redacted] care status was a single period of accommodation under section 20 of The Children's Act.

As a former relevant care leaver [redacted] entitled to support from The Cared4Children Team up to the age of 21 or 24 if in higher education (university level).

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0300 303 0440.

Yours faithfully

Paul Marshall
Cared4Children Team

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23 June 2017

Dear [redacted]

I refer to our earlier telephone conversation and can confirm that this student has been awarded independent status for the 2017/18 academic year on the grounds of irreconcilable estrangement from his parents.

Accordingly, he has been awarded the maximum available student finance support.

I trust that this information meets with your requirements but should you have any queries concerning this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me on 0300 100 0034

Yours sincerely
[redacted]
Estrangement Assessor

Application Form

Personal information given to the Unite Foundation will be processed in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act 1998. The information you give will be used for the following purposes:

- to enable Unite Foundation to create a computer and paper record of your application
- to enable the application to be processed
- to enable the Foundation to compile statistics provided that no statistical information that would identify you as an individual will be published.

The information will be kept securely, and will be kept no longer than necessary

Part 1: Personal details

UCAS Number	
Surname	
Forename(s) (in full)	
Correspondence address	
Hometown	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Age	
Email address	
Mobile number	
How did you hear of our Scholarship Scheme?	

Please tick the statement that best describes your circumstances.

- Care leaver
- No support or contact from family (estranged)

Part 2: Academic information

Name of university	
Full Course Title	
UCAS course code	
Qualification (e.g. BA, BSc etc)	
Which year of study will you start in September 2018?	
Length of course (1,2,3,4 or 5 years)	
Expected course graduation date	
Details of the offer from your university	
Career ambition (at the moment)	
A level/BTEC/AS level/Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers/subject and grades predicted/achieved (delete as appropriate)	
GCSE/BTec/Scottish Standard Grade/other qualifications subject and grades achieved	

Part 3: Student Finance

Have you applied for the full student finance/awards package that you are entitled to as a care leaver or independent young person?

- Yes
- No

If not, please explain why:

Please list the other forms of financial support you can access, have applied for or will apply for (e.g. bursary from the university itself or other sources). Please indicate if you have started the application process for this support.

Part 4: Accommodation

This information will not be used to assess your application, but if you are successful it will help us to meet your needs.

If you have already applied to live in Halls of Residence for 2018/19 please tell us *which hall or building and city.*

Do you have any special requirements for your accommodation or is there anything that it would be useful for your accommodation provider to know?

- Yes
- No

Part 5: Personal Statement

Please give a brief description of your background and describe your career aspirations. This section will not influence the outcome of your application and you are welcome to copy and paste content from your UCAS Personal Statement. (Maximum 750 words). *You can save your statement as a word/pdf file if you prefer and email it to your university contact but be sure to use the format: : "Unite Foundation statement – Your Surname, Your First name".*

Equal Opportunities Monitoring form

Please indicate how you prefer to describe your ethnic group

Please tick one option.

The categories below are based on the current Office for National Statistics suggested ethnic groupings and will be used anonymously to monitor the application of the scholarship scheme.

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background (*please specify*)

Asian/Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background (*please specify*)

Other Ethnic Group

- Arab
- Any other ethnic background (*please specify*)

White

- English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed background (*please specify*)
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Prefer not to say

Part 7: Declaration and consent

I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that giving false information will automatically disqualify my application.

I understand that my application details are available to the Unite Foundation team and Trustees in order to review my application and make a decision.

I understand that the information provided in Section 4 of the form is available to the manager of the relevant Unite Students accommodation if my application is successful.

I confirm that by signing I have understood and will adhere to the Scholarship responsibilities if awarded. Failure to do so may result in the removal of Scholarship benefits.

I consent to my university sharing the data it holds about my enrolment, academic progress and student finance with the Unite Foundation. This information will be used solely for the effective administration of the scholarship scheme.

Your name (in capitals)

Your signature

Date

Remember

- Complete every field on the application form
- Copies of the evidence for care leaver or estranged status (do not send originals).
- Your supporting statement
- Eligibility check list ticked
- Equal opportunities form