

What is Higher Education?

The next level of study, at university, after finishing level 3 course at college.

Is it for me? I don't know anyone who has been.

Yes!

If you want to study a subject in depth, make new friends, spread your wings, travel, try new things, learn new skills, earn more in the future There's so much to do and learn! Lots of care leavers go to university every year.

Is it expensive?

Yes and No

I get a loan, and bursaries to cover all of my costs. I also have a summer job. I am able to pay for everything I need.

Useful contacts

www.propel.org.uk

www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk

www.ucas.com

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

www.nus.org.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance>

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/compare-different-qualification-levels>

^ Young Person Qualifying
(Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000).

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North Yorkshire
Leaving Care  **Team**

Higher Education

Financial Support for
NYCC Care Leavers[^]
(Young Person Qualifying)

North Yorkshire County Council
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How much does university cost?

Universities in England & Wales can charge up to £9,250 per year for tuition fees which you will have to pay for. Some universities offer a lower rate to care leavers (See [www. propel.org.uk](http://www.propel.org.uk))

You will also have to pay for your day to day living costs (rent, food, utility bills, travel costs, books, clothes, entertainment etc.)

Can I afford it?

1. Maintenance Loan & Tuition Fee Loan (both must be paid back but only in very small amounts and only after you start earning over £25k a year. It automatically comes off your wage each month)
2. Bursaries from charities and universities. www.propel.org.uk for more info
3. NYCC Bursary through your Leaving Care Team (non repayable) subject to eligibility and leaving care status.

Am I eligible for the NYCC Bursary as detailed in this leaflet?

- Your course must be at least 2 years long and at undergraduate level.
- You must be a 'Young Person Qualifying' under the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 (please ask your Leaving Care Case Worker for details)
- Upper age limit is 25

What can I expect to get?

Undergraduate

	Full Time Courses *	Part Time Courses
Money From Student Finance England:		
Tuition Fee Loan (paid directly to your university, not you)	Up to £9,250	Up to £6,935
Maintenance Loan (for living costs)**	Up to £8,700 but depends on household income	X
Money from NYCC :		
HE Bursary for Living Costs :	£2,000 one off payment	X
Help with Accommodation Costs	Up to £1,800 per year during holiday periods	X

*Speak to your college or university if you are unsure whether your course is full or part time.

**slightly higher for courses in London. See <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>.

Postgraduate

You may be eligible for a tuition fee loan up to £10,609 (repayable).

What if I have children or a disability?

You may be eligible for additional funds from welfare benefits and your university. Please speak to your Leaving Care Case Worker.