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Student Funding for Full-time Further Education, Higher Education and Training



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Student Finance NI Higher Education Support (PN1 Form)

What is it?

Assistance for HE students with tuition fee costs in the form of a tuition fee loan and maintenance costs through a maintenance loan and non-repayable maintenance grant (maintenance grant is dependent on household income).

Am I eligible?

No age requirements. Student should be studying on a full-time HE course e.g. Higher National Diploma, Foundation Degree or Degree course.

How to apply

PN1 forms are available from the Student Services Office or you can download a form from www.studentfinancenl.co.uk.

Applications should be submitted by mid May 2014 to ensure financial assistance is approved prior to the start date of your course. Late applications will be accepted. Students should apply even if they have not received confirmation that they have been accepted onto the course.

Further Education (FE) Award

What is it?

Assistance with maintenance costs, including childcare, while studying on an FE course.

Am I eligible?

Aged 19 or over on 1 July 2014. Student should be studying on a full-time vocational FE course e.g. Diploma.

How to apply

Application packs available from the Student Services Office or download a form from www.welbni.org/feapplication.

Applications should be submitted by start of June 2014 to ensure that you receive your first payment at the start of the academic year. Closing date for applications is end of August 2014. Students should apply even if they have not received confirmation that they have been accepted onto the course.

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

What is it?

Means-tested weekly payment of £30 (and bonus of £100 payable up

to twice per year) to help with the costs of continuing in education for students studying on a full-time FE course e.g. NVQs, BTEC.

Am I eligible?

Aged between 16-19 years. Student must be studying on a full-time FE course. Attendance at College will also affect eligibility.

How to apply

Application packs are available from the Student Services Office or can be downloaded from www.emani.gov.uk.

Completed applications should be returned to EMA by 30 September 2013 to ensure entitlement to payments from the start of the academic year. Late applications will be accepted until 31 March 2014.

Care To Learn

What is it?

If you are a main carer for a child, you may be entitled to assistance with childcare costs.

Am I eligible?

You need to be aged 16-19 years at the start of the course and be the main carer for a child. Students expecting a child may also apply in advance.

How to apply

Application forms available from Student Services Office.

Travel Pass

What is it?

This pass enables students to travel to and from the College without charge. Students may also be eligible for fuel assistance if travelling by car.

Am I eligible?

Under 19 years of age on 30 June 2014, enrolled on a full-time FE course and live more than 3 miles from the closest college campus.

How to apply

Application forms available from the Student Services Office or local Education and Library Board.

Free Meals

What is it?

Meal tickets that can be exchanged for food and drink in the College canteen.

Am I eligible?

Under 18 years of age on 31 July 2014 and on a further education course. Meal tickets are dependent on parental income.

How to apply

Application forms available from the Student Services Office or local Education and Library Board.

Hardship Fund

What is it?

Financial assistance for students experiencing exceptional financial

hardship.

Am I eligible?

Aged 18 years or over and experiencing financial hardship. Assistance from the hardship fund is means tested and can only be provided once all other sources of funding have been exhausted.

How to apply

Application forms available from the Student Services Office. Students can only apply once they have commenced their course.

Submission dates will be set-up for students to submit their application and supporting evidence.

Training For Success (EMA)

What is it?

Weekly payment of £40 by South West College.

Am I eligible?

You must be enrolled on a Skills for Work course. Timesheets must be submitted to the College on a weekly basis.

How to apply

Training staff at the College will process your details for payment once you enrol.

Training For Success Trainee Bonus

What is it?

Level 1 students receive a staged bonus during the course.

Am I eligible?

You must be enrolled on 'Skills for Your Life' or 'Skills for Work' Level 1.

How to apply

Payment is made when you enrol as a student.

Training For Success Subsidised Travel

What is it?

All travel is paid except for the first £3 per week.

Am I eligible?

This is not means-tested. You must be enrolled on a Skills for Your Life, Skills for Work or a Level 2 Skills for Work Apprenticeship.

How to apply

Complete a travel form at the College's enrolment day in August.

For further advice and information on funding entitlements for FE and HE programmes, please contact your Student Support Officer:



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