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LSBU Young Adult Carer Award 2025/26

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LSBU are taking part in the Driving Change in Higher Education project as a commitment to improve services for students who have caring responsibilities.

In 2025/26 LSBU are offering a new Young Adult Carers Award, of a minimum of £500 (pro-rata for part-time students).

This will be awarded in one round in **December 2025 of semester one** (or April for students on January start courses).

Who's eligible?

If you are under 25 years old and provide unpaid care to a friend or family member, you could be eligible for a one-off financial award to help with your study-related costs.

The award is for fully registered students providing unpaid care to a friend or family member who, due to an illness, disability, mental health condition, or addiction, cannot cope without their care.

[Driving Change – supporting young adult carers in HE - Learning and Work Institute](#)

To qualify, you'll need to meet the following criteria:

- Under 25 years at the start of the academic year
- A home student
- Fully enrolled at LSBU on an undergraduate course
- Able to demonstrate evidence of caring responsibilities

Note: This award is for students with adult caring responsibilities rather than childcare or parenting responsibilities

How do I apply?

If you have:

- Completed UCAS and/or LSBU enrolment and 'ticked the box'
- Completed the LSBU **Personal Development Plan 'PDP'**
- Contacted Student Advice via MyAccount

You should be **invited automatically in late November**.

Otherwise, the application window will open in December, so do please keep a look out on your university emails and MyLSBU. If in doubt, please don't hesitate to get in touch (see FAQs).

There is a short on-line application form via www.Blackbullion.com, and some evidence will need to be uploaded.

FAQs

I'm not sure if I can evidence that I have caring responsibilities

The evidence of caring responsibilities should ideally be a supporting letter or statement on headed notepaper from a professional who is involved with your relative's care and is aware of your caring responsibilities.

The supporting letter/statement can be short but should confirm information such as:

- The name of the person you care for
- How you are related
- How long you have been a carer
- A very brief overview of your responsibilities

Your evidence statement could be from:

- A carer support group
- Your local authority
- Your relative's GP
- Social care
- Your relative's NHS or private support worker
- A previous college or university who knew of your circumstances

Many of our students find getting a letter from a health professional difficult, so we ask that in the first instance you try, but if this is not possible, please apply with evidence you do have, and the Student Advice Team can support you from here.

Please get in touch with any of the Wellbeing and Advice services for support, Disability and Dyslexia Support, Mental Health and Wellbeing Team and the Student Advice Team via MyAccount. Also keep an eye out for our monthly Young Adult Carer drop-in [via libcal](#).

Who do you share my information with?

The Student Advice Team at LSBU are the main point of contact for Student Support Bursary recipients, including students under 25 with caring responsibilities. Student Advice are part of the Student Success department, and all personal information shared with this department is held securely. Please see [Data Protection | London South Bank University \(lsbu.ac.uk\)](#) for more or ask an Advisor.

I'm 25 or over, can I apply for the bursary?

We are not able to offer the bursary to students who are 25 or over at the start of each academic year.

However, we recognise that many of our students of all ages balance study with significant caring responsibilities. Therefore, we will prioritise you for other financial support including the LSBU Student Support Fund (hardship fund) and encourage you to make use of www.blackbullion.com Funding Hub.

We also encourage you to access any other elements of the LSBU support package that is helpful for you for the duration of your studies, no upper age limit applied.

Do you offer the bursary for Postgraduate study?

No, at this time the award is only for undergraduate students.

If you are a Postgraduate student with caring responsibilities, please check out the FAQs for more support and make a confidential appointment with our support teams for more help, including access to the university Student Support Fund (hardship fund).

Do you offer the bursary for Apprenticeship study?

No. This is because there are government bursary schemes for Apprentices, please click through for more information: [Apprenticeships funding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/apprenticeships)

Do you offer the award for students repeating a year?

If other eligibility criteria is met, applications from students on repeat years will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. The award is pro-rated if part-time or completing modules rather than a full year.

I've only just heard about the award, I've missed the closing date in December

Please contact the Student Advice Team via MyAccount for more support, including access to the Student Support Fund (hardship fund).

What else is on offer for young adult carer students at LSBU?

London South Bank University has been ranked third in the world for reducing inequality in the prestigious [Times Higher Impact Rankings 2024](#). As such, we are continually seeking to improve our offer for all students with caring responsibilities.

We strive to be collaborative with our students and welcome young adult carers to join our monthly drop-in, as well as book a one-to-one appointment during their time at LSBU.

For an overview of the services we offer, please look at our webpages:

[Student support | London South Bank University](#)

Students will also be emailed by the Student Advice Team throughout the year. If you would like to discuss the offer or any of the above with someone, please arrange a confidential appointment with the Student Advice Team:

[How can I book or cancel an appointment with support teams using MyAccount?](#)

During your appointment, the Advisor will be able to recommend suitable support services – for example, from LSBU or the local community to ensure you get the help that's right for you.