

Useful Websites & Organisations

thecareleaversfoundation.org

capstonecareleaverstrust.org

childrenslegalcentre.com

apprenticeships.org.uk

england.shelter.org.uk

thestudentroom.co.uk

becomecharity.org.uk

reesfoundation.org

coramvoice.org.uk

careleavers.com

turn2us.org.uk

propel.org.uk

bottleuk.org

beds.ac.uk

gov.uk



Applying for funding for university

Student loans are available for tuition fees and maintenance costs from Student Finance England
www.gov.uk/studentfinance

My Beds Life

MyBedsLife has everything you need for your learning and education experience in one place. You can access the portal by visiting: mybedslife.beds.ac.uk or download the mobile app by searching 'MyBedsLife' in your app store. Log in using your Student ID and password.

Contact: Student Money Advice
E-mail: sma@beds.ac.uk
Or log an enquiry on SiD Online



A Care Leavers' Guide to Higher Education



www.beds.ac.uk/sma

Welcome to the University of Bedfordshire

If you are currently open to and supported by a local authority leaving care service this guide will be useful to you.

The University of Bedfordshire is strongly committed to helping you develop the skills and knowledge you will need to be successful during your course and after graduation.

As part of the University's promise to you, your privacy and anonymity will be assured at all times.



If you join us

As a care leaver, you are entitled to the following optional benefits...

- Provision of clear information about support services, both through University web pages, handbooks and the student support centres at the Bedford and Luton campuses.
- If you meet our criteria you may be eligible for the University Care Leavers' Bursary.
- Currently it is worth a minimum of £1,000 per year for continuing students and £5,700 over three years for new students in 2020/21. More information can be found at: www.beds.ac.uk
- As well as giving you the first taste of independence, there is University accommodation which can be arranged for all year round stay in halls for the duration of your course.



Enquiries can be made to
Student Money Advice

Additional support is available through Student Services

Health & Well Being

Counselling

Student Engagement & Mitigation

Student Money Advice

Careers & Recruitment Service

Academic Advice & Support

Learning Resources



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