

Childcare

Glasgow Clyde College encourages parents to return to study. The college manages a childcare fund which provides support to students with young children. Lone parents will be given priority to the Lone Parent Childcare Grant, maximum £1,215 per academic year, with a “top up” if required from the childcare fund.

Who can apply for the childcare fund?

- you must be over the statutory school leaving age at the start of your course
- you must meet the general residence criteria – you must be ;
- ordinarily resident in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man for three years immediately before the start of the academic year;
- settled in the UK as described in the Immigration Act 1971;
- an EU Migrant Worker, (contact Student Funding for more information)
- Refugee/Leave to Remain
- Asylum Seekers studying part time NC or full time ESOL
- ordinarily resident in Scotland on the start date of your course

If you don't meet the general residence conditions above, you may still be eligible to apply for support. Please contact Student Funding for more information

The residence eligibility conditions can be complicated. If you are in any doubt about your residence status, you should contact the Student Funding Section for more information.

Am I likely to get support?

The fund is limited and is awarded on a “first come first served” basis. Support will normally be awarded for the whole academic year, and cover timetabled classes only. All students are advised to apply as soon as possible.

Equal contributions for childcare support will normally be expected from colleges/universities for student couples. The decision to award support for childcare is made on the basis of individual need.

Help with Childcare Costs

Funding is limited and means tested on household income, applications are assessed on a “first come first served” basis. The college can only accept online applications and you should apply once you have been offered a place on the course at the Funding website. <https://funding.glasgowclyde.ac.uk>

Incomplete forms will be returned if submitted without **ALL** supporting documents required. Payment is only made for timetabled classes and for term time only, we do not cover the 5 holiday weeks.

Advanced courses (HNC/HND/BA)

- HNC/HND full time students must apply to SAAS for their full entitlement including the maximum student loan. If household income is below £34,000 the maximum loan will be between £6,250 and £6,750, income of £34,00 or above the maximum loan is £4,750

- lone parent students will be entitled to the Lone Parent Childcare Grant of £1,215 without the need for apply for the maximum loan, however, they must apply for the Lone Parent Grant from SAAS - £1,305 ((if a 'top up' is required from the childcare fund the maximum loan is required
- where household income is more than £30,000 you may only be considered for a limited amount
- students may receive up to £175.00 per week (SAAS must be paying course fees)
- full time HNC/HND students who are paying their own fees, (self –financing) may receive up to a maximum of **£105** per week from the Discretionary Fund
- part time HNC/HND students may receive up to a maximum of £105 per week from the discretionary fund
- Asylum Seekers studying HNC/HND level are not eligible to apply for assistance will childcare costs

Non-Advanced Courses (Access NC, NQ, Highers, VTCT)

- students may receive up to £175.00 per week
- lone parent students will be entitled to the Lone Parent Childcare Grant of £1,215
- where household income is more than £30,000 you may only be considered for a limited amount
- Asylum Seekers studying part-time NC courses and full time ESOL may receive a maximum of £80.00 per week

Working Tax Credit, Childcare Element

If you/your partner work and pay for childcare you may be able to get extra help with the cost, this is the childcare element of Working Tax Credit. Further information can be found at www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits or 0845 300 3900, open 8.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am – 4.00pm Saturday.

Please note, students who are eligible for any alternative funding from any source i.e. tax credit's or local authority assistance, or any other source, will have this deducted from the amount that the college will pay for timetabled classes.

Glasgow Clyde College operates its own nurseries at Anniesland Campus Tel: 0141 357 6040 and at Cardonald Campus Tel: 0141 272 3376. Langside Campus has a close working relationship with its on-site Nursery, Little Scholars Tel: 0141 272 3947.

PLEASE NOTE: You must make an application for assistance with childcare costs for the College Nurseries Treasure Trove and Cardonald Children's Centre, or you will be liable for all childcare costs.

Little Scholars is not a College Nursery, however, we work closely with them and you must make an application for funding or you will be liable for all childcare costs.

How is the support paid?

Payments are made four weekly in arrears directly into the bank account of the childcare provider. Please note that all payments are subject to satisfactory conduct/progress and, 100% attendance on the course

What are my responsibilities?

You must ensure you have a contract with the childcare provider, and that your childcare funding is in place. We can only pay for childcare expenses subject to your satisfactory conduct/ progress and 100% attendance. If you withdraw from your course or do not keep to the "Terms and Conditions" of Award, you are liable for all outstanding childcare costs. Please note, the contract is between the student and the childcare provider as no contract exists between the College and your Childcare Provider

What if I change my childcare provider?

You must complete a new childcare fund application form and give four weeks' notice of termination to your childcare provider and to the college if you decide to change your childcare arrangements. You will be liable for any additional cost or over payments.