

## Student carers – stakeholder web article

### Extra financial support for student carers

Social Security Scotland is raising awareness of the financial help available to carers at school, college or university.

There are three payments available for student carers who are providing emotional, mental or physical support to a family member, friend or neighbour.

Carer Support Payment is a payment of £83.30 a week and is available to carers who are aged 16 or over and who provide unpaid care for 35 hours or more a week to someone who receives a qualifying disability benefit.

Many carers in education may be eligible, this includes:

- Part time students - those who spend less than 21 hours a week in class or doing coursework for any course
- Students aged 20 and over and who study full time for any course
- Students aged 16-19, who study full time in advanced education at university or for a college course such as a Higher National Certificate and Higher National Diploma

There are also some circumstances where students aged 16-19 studying over 21 hours a week in non-advanced education, such as studying for National Certificates and Scottish Highers, who may also be eligible if they meet certain criteria.

Carers Allowance Supplement is an extra payment for eligible unpaid carers who are getting Carer Support Payment on the qualifying date. The payment is made twice a year and is unique to Scotland. Each payment of Carer's Allowance Supplement is currently £293.50. It is paid automatically without the need to apply.

Young Carer Grant is available for carers aged 16, 17 or 18 who provide support for an average of 16 hours a week to someone receiving a qualifying disability benefit. It is a yearly payment of £390.25 and the money can be spent on whatever the young person wants.

To find out more about all our payments, visit [mygov.scot/carers](https://mygov.scot/carers) or call free on 0800 182 2222.