

Young Carer Grant





Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment of £390.25. It is paid to young carers aged 16, 17 or 18 who live in Scotland. It can be spent however you want.

You can apply for Young Carer Grant if you are:



- At school.
- In further education.
- Employed.
- Unemployed.



Young carers may be eligible for Young Carer Grant if they meet these criteria:

- They live in Scotland.
- They are aged 16, 17 or 18.
- They have been providing care for an average of 16 hours a week for the last 3 months.
- They are not caring for any of the people in the application as a volunteer.
- They are not being paid to provide care for any of the people in the application.
- They have not applied for or received Carer Support Payment from Social Security Scotland, Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions, or Northern Ireland's Carer's Allowance.

- The person or people being cared for are getting a qualifying benefit.
(see list of qualifying benefits below)



Qualifying benefits include:

- The daily living component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP).
- The daily living component of Adult Disability Payment.
- The middle or highest care rate of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), including Child Disability Living Allowance.
- The middle or highest care of Child Disability Payment.
- Attendance Allowance.
- Armed Forces Independence Payment.
- Constant Attendance Allowance.

If the person being cared for gets Constant Attendance Allowance, they need to be getting either:



- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (at or above the normal maximum rate) or;
- War Disablement Pension (at the basic rate).

If more than one carer applies for the same cared person, only the first eligible application will get the grant. If the young carer provides shared care with someone else aged 16, 17 or 18, they should agree on who should apply for the grant.





As well as Young Carer Grant, young carers are also eligible for extra non-cash benefits on their Young Scot card.



They will get extra discounts at certain stores and venues. They can also get other benefits, including cinema tickets and one-off special events. You don't have to be receiving Young Carer Grant to access these benefits.



The young carer must have been caring for one or more people on average at least 16 hours a week for the last 3 months.



Up to 3 weeks' break in care is allowed in the 13-week qualifying period. As long as they still carry out 208 hours in total over the 13 weeks.



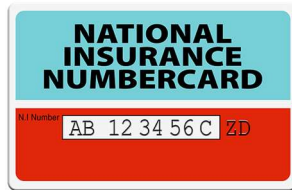
A decision will be made on the young carer's application once the completed application form and all supporting evidence has been received.



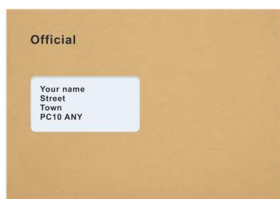
The young carer will be told of the decision and their payment will follow shortly after.



The young carer should know the financial account they want the money to be paid into before applying.



If they know their National Insurance number, and the National Insurance number of the person they care for, the application could be processed quicker.



After the application has been made, the young carer will receive a follow-up letter telling them what forms of ID they will need to send for verification.



The young carer grant is not a loan. It does not need to be paid back.



The money will be paid into the financial account the young carer chooses.



The young carer can apply yearly from age 16 to 18. They will have to reapply each year if they are still eligible.



Young Carer Grant does not affect other benefits. It will be disregarded for UK benefit and tax credit assessments.



People can find out more and apply online at **mygov.scot/benefits**. They can apply in person, over the phone or ask for a paper application form by calling Social Security Scotland free on **0800 182 2222**.



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