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Information for Care Leavers



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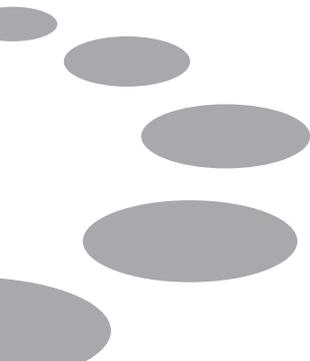
Support for Student Care Leavers

The Conservatoire for Dance and Drama is committed to helping all students fulfil their full potential while studying with us, regardless of background. Starting Higher Education can be an exciting time in your life, but even the most confident students can also feel daunted when they first start. We understand that for young people leaving care, there will be many extra practical considerations to think about when making the transition to Higher Education. For this reason, we have put in place services to make this transition easier, and to support you throughout your studies.

The Conservatoire for Dance and Drama is made up of eight affiliate schools. Each of the schools is a small, specialist institution. Studying at a Conservatoire school differs from studying at a typical university; student numbers are much smaller and contact hours far greater, meaning you will interact with staff and your fellow students constantly throughout the day. In addition to a more personal learning experience, all of our schools offer extra support such as counselling, medical support and financial planning support to help you make the most of your time with us.

Accommodation

While the Conservatoire does not offer halls of residence accommodation, each school is able to offer assistance to students in seeking out and obtaining suitable year-round accommodation.



What financial help do we offer?

When applying to a Conservatoire school, there is a tick-box on the application form (and again on the enrolment form if you are successful in getting a place) asking if you have spent any time in care. Ticking this box does not affect your application in any way – it just lets us know that you may be in need of some extra support. Not all students will want or need extra support, but it can be reassuring to know it is there if you wish to access it. Ticking this box also enables us to identify care leavers who are eligible for a non-repayable Conservatoire Bursary of £750 per year of study.

What other financial help is available?

LEA Support

If you are under 25 and entering a HE course of two years or more, you may be entitled to a one-off grant of £2000 from the local authority that looked after you. This should happen automatically, but if it doesn't you can ask us for help in sorting it out.

Access to Learning Fund

If you are in financial hardship during your studies, you may be able to seek extra funds to help with things such as accommodation costs, unexpected emergencies or just to help with costs over the summer. To apply, speak to student services at your school.

The Frank Buttle Grant Scheme for Students and Trainees

For eligible care leavers aged 16-20, this scheme can provide money to help with living costs such as rent, food, clothing, transport, books and materials needed for your course, which you will not have to pay back.

More information about the scheme can be found here:

www.buttleuk.org.

The Care Leavers' Foundation Trust Fund

For small grants to help with personal development needs, crisis payments, education, training or employment needs, you may make an application to this fund. More information can be found here:

www.thecareleaversfoundation.org.

Useful websites

Care Leavers Association:	www.careleavers.com
A National Voice:	www.anationalvoice.org
National Youth Advocacy Unit:	www.nyas.net
Directgov:	www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
Frank Buttle Trust:	www.buttleuk.org
The National Care Advisory Service (NCAS):	www.leavingcare.org

Contact us

The Care Leaver contact at your school is:

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