

	Parents' Learning Allowance	Childcare Grant	Adult Dependants' Allowance	Special Support Grant (SSG)
Help Available	For help with course-related costs for students who have dependent children. How much you get depends on your income and that of your dependants (spouse/partner and children). The PLA grant is fully disregarded for social security benefit purposes.	For students with dependent children. How much help you get will depend on your income and that of your dependants (spouse/partner and children). The childcare grant is fully disregarded for social security benefit purposes. You can receive a childcare grant during term time and vacations.	If you have a spouse/partner or another adult member of your family who depends on you financially, you may be eligible. How much you get depends on your income and that of your adult dependants.	For students who may be eligible to receive means-tested benefits such as Income Support and Housing Benefit. This will generally be lone parents, other student parents if they have a partner who is a student, and students with disabilities. How much you get depends on a meanstest. Your entitlement to Social Security benefits will not be affected if you receive a SSG.
Who's Eligible?	Full-time students with one or more dependent children	Full-time students with dependent children in registered or approved childcare. You cannot get this grant if you, or your spouse or partner, claim the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit from the Inland Revenue.	Full-time students with adult dependants.	Full time students
How Much?	Up to £1538 per year	For one child -Up to £148.75 per week (85% of actual costs of up to £175 a week) For two or more children – Up to £255.00 per week (85% of actual costs of up to £300.00 a week)	Up to £2695 per year	Up to £3475 per year
How is it Paid?	It is usually paid in three instalments with the student loan	It is usually paid in three instalments with the student loan	It is usually paid in three instalments with the student loan	It is usually paid in three instalments with the student loan