

NTU Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarship (2025 Entry) Application Guidance Notes

Nottingham Trent University is pleased to be offering 20 NTU Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarships for undergraduate entry in September 2025, for new students who are care leavers (or foyer residents) under the age of 25. Recipients of the Scholarship will receive free University/UPP accommodation during their first year of study.

Am I eligible to apply?

You can apply for this competitive scholarship if you meet all the following criteria:

- You will be under the age of 25 on 1st September 2025, **and**
- You have an unconditional or conditional offer to study a full-time undergraduate course at Nottingham Trent University, commencing in September 2025 and have accepted NTU as your firm (first) choice, **and**
- Your chosen course will lead to an Undergraduate Degree, Foundation Degree, Certificate of Higher Education, Higher National Diploma or Higher National Certificate, **and**
- You have been
 - in the care of a local authority in the UK at some point since the age of 16, **or**
 - looked after by relatives who have a court order to do so, at some point since the age of 16, **or**
 - a foyer resident in the UK.

You cannot apply for this scholarship if your Local Authority Leaving Care Service is paying your full accommodation costs during the 2025/26 academic year.

How do I apply?

If you meet all of the eligibility criteria listed above, you can apply for the NTU Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarship. To apply, you will be required to complete the following online form: [NTU Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarship application form](#)

You will also need to provide documentary evidence to support your application. You can email electronic copies of your evidence to supportfunds@ntu.ac.uk Please type 'Accommodation Scholarship Evidence' in the subject line of your email.

The deadline for applications is Friday 4th July 2025.

You should submit your online application and email us all your evidence by this date.

If you do not have all your evidence by the 4th July deadline, you should still submit your application form, but you will also need to email supportfunds@ntu.ac.uk to explain the reason for the delay in providing your evidence. Depending on the circumstances, we may be able to extend this deadline until Friday 11th July.

The application form

The form is split into the following sections and you are advised to read the following guidance notes before completing the form.

Your contact details

Please start by giving us your full name and preferred phone number & email address, so we can contact you about your application.

Please make sure you give us an email address that you check regularly as this is how we will communicate with you. If you miss important communications from us, this could affect you getting the scholarship.

Information about room needs and preferences

Please read the statement about the room allocation timescales and how this impacts on the university's ability to accommodate all needs and preferences under this scheme. If you have any specific requirements as a result of a disability or long-term medical condition, you should contact accommodation@ntu.ac.uk as soon as possible to discuss this. You will need to tick to confirm you have read and understood this information.

About your eligibility

In this section, you are presented with a series of statements, relating to each of the eligibility criteria, and asked to confirm whether or not it applies to you.

If you do not meet one or more of the criteria, you will be taken to a screen that explains this. At this point, if you understand why you are ineligible, you can choose not to submit the form. Alternatively, you tick to can request that one of the team contacts you with more information about the eligibility criteria. (If you think you may have answered the question incorrectly, you can select to return to the question and amend your answer.)

About you

You will be asked to give details of your correspondence address and age/date of birth

About your offer to study at Nottingham Trent University in 2025/26

You should include your NTU ID number (which you can find in your offer email from Nottingham Trent University).

You should also give details of the undergraduate course you plan to study the qualification it will lead to.

About your time in Care or as a Foyer Resident

You will be asked to select the statement that applies to you, and to give brief details, including relevant dates of time in care (or in a Foyer residence).

About you, your experiences and your aspirations

You will be asked 4 separate questions about your experiences, aspirations, why you chose NTU and how the scholarship will help you. Each answer should be no longer than 1000 characters (approximately 150 words).

About your accommodation needs and preferences

You will be asked about your accommodation preferences, to help the university find a room that suits your needs if possible.

Evidence requirements

You are required to provide evidence of both your time in care or as a Foyer resident AND confirmation that your term-time accommodation costs will NOT be paid in full by your local authority. Please indicate in each section, what evidence you will be providing.

Please email your evidence to **supportfunds@ntu.ac.uk**. (Please type '**Accommodation Scholarship Evidence**' in the subject line of your email.)

We can accept direct email confirmation from your local authority leaving care service. Alternatively, you can get evidence from your local authority and email it to us.

To help with the process of verifying that accommodation costs will not be paid in full by your local authority, we have produced this [accommodation evidence verification form](#)

This form can be downloaded, completed by your local authority and emailed to supportfunds@ntu.ac.uk.

If I apply who will my information be shared with?

The personal and sensitive data you have provided on your application form will be used by the university, for the purpose of administering the NTU Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarship. You can view the University's [Admissions Privacy Notice](#) and [Student Privacy Notice](#) online.

What happens next?

Your application and evidence will be considered and if you meet all the eligibility criteria for the NTU Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarship, your application will progress to the selection process.

A selection panel will consider all applications made by eligible applicants. The panel will use the information provided in your application, in particular your responses to the questions covered in the section 'About you, your experiences and your aspirations', to select the successful scholarship recipients.

The selection panel will take the following into account in awarding Scholarships:

- How you will benefit from the scholarship in your first year (this may include any combination of financial, social, health and academic benefits);
- Your previous contributions to school/college and community life and your extracurricular achievements;
- How your studies at Nottingham Trent University will benefit you and your career aspirations.

We will inform you of the outcome of your application in writing by the end of July. The decision of the selection panel is final.

Important Information

Checking and responding to emails

It is important that you check your emails regularly, read them carefully and respond to any questions/instructions by the given deadline. If you do not do this, you may miss out on being awarded a scholarship.

Room Allocation

If you are successful in securing an accommodation scholarship, your room allocation will be confirmed during August. As availability of rooms will be limited, we may not be able to meet all individual needs and preferences. If you require accommodation adjustments due to a disability or long-term medical condition, please contact the [Student Accommodation Service](#) as soon as possible. Do not wait for the outcome of your scholarship application.

If you've already signed a contract for your 25/26 accommodation

You are still eligible to apply for a scholarship, but if you have signed an accommodation contract or 'tenancy agreement' with a private landlord or an accommodation provider that is not the University/UPP, then you should check the terms and conditions of your agreement carefully regarding your liability for rent/accommodation charges. If you have signed a contract for a fixed term (often one year), you will normally remain liable for rent/accommodation charges for the whole period, unless you can find someone to replace you and take on the contract. In the first instance, you should check the cancellation policy with your landlord or management agent. If you need further advice, you can contact the [Student Accommodation Service](#). Remember, there are only 20 Care Leaver Accommodation Scholarships and not everyone who applies will be successful in securing free accommodation, so we would advise against taking action to end any accommodation contract until you know the outcome of your scholarship application.

Accepting the scholarship

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a scholarship offer letter, outlining the terms and conditions of the scholarship. If you agree to the terms and conditions, you should return the acceptance form by the date stated on the offer letter or your scholarship may be withdrawn and offered to someone else. (For most students, the scholarship must be accepted by Friday 27 July).

Further Information

If you have any further queries about the application process, please contact the [Student Money Team](#) (Tel: 0115 848 2494).

If you have queries about University/UPP accommodation or the room allocation process, please contact the [Student Accommodation Service](#).