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[Information for Care Leavers](#)

Edge Hill University is committed to increasing the numbers of Care Leavers going to University and has held the Buttle UK Quality Mark for Care Leavers since 2006. The Quality Mark for Care Leavers was launched to address the specific challenges that this group of young students face in higher education. If you are interested in any of our courses we hope this leaflet will give you the information you need to help you apply and gain support whilst you are studying here.

Support and Guidance

Starting a course at University and moving to a new place can be very exciting, however, starting new things can seem confusing for everyone and we all need someone to discuss things with. If you are a Care Leaver, you may find it helpful to have an extra person to talk to, someone who can offer you support and guidance through what can seem a maze of information and procedures. Edge Hill has a designated contact person for Care Leavers. If you are thinking of coming to our University, or are already here, you can contact Joan Blee, by telephone on **01695 584395** or email **bleej@edgehill.ac.uk** or simply call in to speak to her in the Student Information Centre. You will be treated as an individual and anything discussed will be treated in confidence

General Information To Help You

The application process varies depending on your type of course and whether you need to apply through the University Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR) or direct to Edge Hill University.

Agencies you will need to apply through:

- UCAS: Apply through UCAS for full-time courses leading to a first degree, including Initial Teacher Training programmes. You also apply through UCAS for pre-registration nursing (diplomas and degrees), midwifery, operating department practice and full-time health Foundation Degrees.
- Edge Hill University: Applications for most part-time programmes (excluding Masters offered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences) and all professional development should be made directly to Edge Hill University.

Full details can be found on the Edge Hill website **edgehill.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply**

Financial Support for Care Leavers

All young people leaving care to go to university can get financial support from their Local Authority as well as the Student Loan Company. Edge Hill is providing additional financial support in the form of a bursary for Care Leavers of £750 per annum, payable in January for a maximum of 3 years. To register for this bursary, you will need to contact Joan.

You could also be entitled to apply for further funding through our Access to Learning Fund (ALF).

Accommodation

As a Care Leaver you will be entitled to a room in the University's Halls of Residence. If you want to, you will be allowed to stay in this room throughout your time at University and, if required, through the vacation periods.

General Support

Joan is available to offer one to one guidance and support and can help you access the other services available at Edge Hill University.

The services available to you include:

Student Services - Student Information Centre
Student Information Desk
Accommodation
Inclusion (Support for Disabled Students)
Finance & Welfare Rights
Health and Well-being
Academic Registry
Careers Service