

GARRETT UNIVERSITY BURSARY:

What is the Garrett University bursary?

This bursary helps provide support to Centrepoint undergraduate students who are enrolled in university to help with the costs of books, equipment, accommodation, groceries, etc.

Eligibility:

- Young people must be in, or entering university
- Young people must have taken up a place at university to apply. If you are awaiting a place (conditional offer), you must wait until you place is confirmed and you have formally accepted your place before applying.
- If a young person is a current resident with arrears less than £250
- If a young person is an ex resident, their university course start date must be within six months from their move out date and rent arrears must be below £250

What does the bursary provide?

The GU Bursary provides a sum of £750.00 every academic year for the duration of their course, split into 3 termly payments. If a young person has moved into university accommodation they may be eligible to receive £1,000.00 in their first year and £750.00 for their remaining academic years. Funds can be used for anything the young person will need and it is up to them on how they used it. However, the funds cannot be used to purchase any alcohol or illegal substances.

Students can also request a laptop if needed; if a specialist laptop is needed, students should provide a letter from their tutor detailing the specifications.

How do you apply?

The young person can make the application with the support of their keyworker.

- Go to <https://centrepoin.org.uk/bursaryapplication>
 - > Select 'Garrett University Bursary'
 - > Fill in the form and submit.
- Then keyworker/young person should send in evidence of the:
 - > Rent statement
 - > Action Plan
 - > Proof of opportunity (acceptance letter)
 - > Student Finance letter
 - > Proof of Rent contract (where applicable)
- Young people who apply for the bursary will also have a short informal interview with 2 members of the panel.
- The application will then be reviewed by the bursary panel who usually meet at the beginning of the month.
- After the panel has taken place, the panel will contact young person/keyworker of the outcome and inform them of the next steps that need to be taken.
- If the young person/keyworker is not happy with the outcome they reserve the right to appeal the decision in writing.
- The funds will directly be sent to the young person's bank account. For each payment to be sent, the young person must send their bank details directly to the bursary team and also attach evidence of their attendance for each payment.
 - > The bursary team cannot accept the bank details if it is not given directly from the young person.
 - > The application process can take up to six weeks, therefore young people and keyworkers need to plan in advance for them to receive payment when they need it.
- Young people do not need to reapply every year. They will be asked to send their student finance letter and evidence proving they passed their previous academic year to qualify for the bursary.