

Leaving school or care can feel like a big step — but there's lots of help out there for jobs, money, housing, and more. Here's a quick list of **trusted websites** that are **easy to use** and full of real support.

Apprenticeships & Training - Learn while you earn!

- **Apprenticeships.gov.uk – Care Leavers' Bursary**
Get up to **£3,000** when you start an apprenticeship.
👉 [Apprenticeship Support for Care-Experienced People](#)
👉 GOV.UK overview: Become an Apprentice
- **UCAS – Apprenticeships for Care-Experienced Young People**
Tips on finding the right apprenticeship and how to get extra help.
👉 [UCAS Care-Experienced Apprenticeships](#)

Job Search & Careers - Find work that suits you and your goals.

- **National Careers Service**
Get free career advice, job ideas, and help with your CV.
👉 [Job Support for People with SEND or a Disability](#)
👉 Find a Job – GOV.UK
- **Catch22 – Care Leaver Employment Support**
Help with finding jobs, training, or mentoring.
👉 [Catch22 Care Leaver Support](#)

Council & Local Support - Your council must offer help up to age 25.

- **Support for Care Leavers (GOV.UK official site)**

Find your local “Care Leavers Offer” — what support you can get for housing, money, and work.

👉 [Support for Care Leavers](#)

👉 Leaving Care – GOV.UK

👉 [Care Leaver Local Offer :: Home](#)

👉 [Care Leavers Wanted - Care Leaver Covenant](#)

Money & Benefits - Help is available for setting up your home or staying in learning.

- **Leaving Care Allowance**

A one-off payment to help you set up your first home.

👉 [Leaving Care Allowance Info](#)

👉 Financial Help for Care Leavers – GOV.UK

- **16–19 Bursary Fund**

If you’re still in education, you could get help with travel, lunches, or equipment.

👉 [16–19 Bursary Fund Guide](#)

Travel Support - Need help getting to college, work, or interviews?

Most councils include travel help for care leavers in their **Local Offer** (like free or discounted bus passes).

👉 [Find Local Offers – Support for Care Leavers](#)

👉 Help with Transport Costs – GOV.UK

SEND & Learning Support - You can get extra help with training or work.

- **Youth Employment UK – SEND Apprenticeship Support**

Explains adjustments and extra funding you can get.

👉 [SEND Support for Apprentices](#)

👉 GOV.UK: Support for Disabled Apprentices

- **Education & Training Foundation (ETF)**

Information and support for learners with SEND.

👉 [ETF SEND Support](#)

👉 GOV.UK: SEND Code of Practice 0–25

Housing & Accommodation - If you're moving out or need help with housing:

- **Shelter England – Housing Help for Care Leavers**

Find out what housing help you're entitled to and how to get support if you're homeless or struggling.

👉 [Shelter Care Leaver Housing Help](#)

👉 GOV.UK: If You're Homeless or at Risk

- **Support for Care Leavers – Housing & Accommodation**

Information on deposits, council tax breaks, and supported housing options.

👉 [Housing Support Info](#)

💡 **Tip** You can always ask your **Personal Adviser (PA)** or **Futures team** (*if you are a former Witherslack School student*) for help using these sites. They can make referrals, help with forms, or just talk things through with you.