## Application form – Post Care Education Financial Support

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is committed to ensuring young people in out-of-home care gain the benefits of a good education and wherever possible encourages them to attain their Higher School Certificate (HSC) and go on to further education.

It can be disruptive if a young person turns 18 and needs to look for independent accommodation at the same time as they are completing their HSC. To avoid this, the Post Care Education Financial Support (PCEFS) allowance is paid to carers to maintain the current living and support arrangements while the young person completes their HSC.

Post Care Education Financial Support is provided to carers fortnightly and is not means tested.

To be eligible for the payment:

* the young person must be aged 18 to 24 and engaged in full-time education to complete their HSC or equivalent, and
* the out-of-home care placement has ended due to the young person’s age, and
* the young person is living with the carer in NSW, and
* the young person has an approved leaving care plan that articulates their educational goals.

**If you believe you may be eligible for Post Care Education Financial Support, please fill out the enclosed application form and return it to your caseworker.**

To find out more about Post Care Education Financial Support:

* Speak with your caseworker
* Visit the DCJ website at [Post Care Education Financial Support](https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/oohc-and-permanency-support-services/oohc-education-pathway/post-care-education-financial-support.html)
* Contact the Aboriginal Statewide Foster Care Support Service on 1800 888 698 (free call from a fixed line phone) or at [www.absec.org.au](http://www.absec.org.au)

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# Carer details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| First name |  |
| Last name |  |
| Residential address |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Financial institution |  |
| BSB and Account Number |  |

## Young person’s details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| First name |  |
| Last name |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Mobile phone |  |
| Community Services Centre (CSC) |  |
| Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander | Yes  No |

## Young person’s education/training enrolment details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name of school / TAFE / provider |  |
| Phone |  |
| Address |  |
| Student registration number (If at a NSW Government school, shown on the report card) |  |
| Course title (e.g. HSC, Cert IV) |  |
| Year/course stage (e.g. Year 12) |  |

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| --- | --- |
| Applicant signature (Carer) |  |
| Applicant name |  |
| Date |  |

**Please return the completed form to your caseworker.**