

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) are available for students who are under the age of 18 on the official start date of their course.

If the student is awarded an EMA, they will be eligible for £30 per week which is paid into their chosen bank account.

They may also be eligible for EMA if they are studying a non-advanced part-time course, contact the Student Funding team to find out more.

EMA is not paid during the following short holidays: October, Christmas and Easter. Please take this into consideration and budget accordingly.

Student's EMA is calculated on the household income of their Parent/Legal Guardian.

Parent/Guardian's Household Income	Number of Dependent Children in the Household	Weekly Payment
£24,421 or less	Student only	£30.00
£24,422 to £26,884	Student + brother/sister	£30.00
£26,885 or above	Not Applicable	Nil

Basic Evidence required

EMA
ID – Birth Certificate, Passport, Driving License, MyFife Card, NHS Medical Card
Proof of your address – official letter addressed to student (cannot be from Fife College)
Tax Credit Award – For year 2024/2025, please make sure to send all pages
P60 Covering April 2023 – March 2024 for parent(s)
Council Tax Notification 2024 if parent is single person
Benefit Letter/screen shot of at least 6 Months Universal Credit Award showing name, address and all elements awarded (this includes deductions)
ID of sisters and/or brothers – Birth Certificate, Passport, Driving License, NHS Medical Card or MyFife Card
Child Benefit Award Letter – all pages

We may ask for additional evidence depending on your circumstances.

Travel Expenses

The Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme for Under 22s means anyone under the age of 22 is entitled to free bus travel. Students will need a new or replacement National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Young Scot NEC) to travel for free by bus. You can apply for the card on the following webpage getyournec.scot

Once you have your new or replacement card, you can register this with the College and it will act as your Student ID card allowing you access to Chromebooks and quick printing on campus.

For more information on bus tickets, please visit the Stagecoach [website](#) and select Student Tickets for your location.

Contact Information

Our aim is to support every individual who seeks to further their education. You can make an appointment to see one of our Funding Team if you need assistance with your funding application or have any questions regarding funding. These bookable appointments can be made by either calling the main college number on [0344 248 0115](tel:03442480115) or emailing studentfunding@fife.ac.uk