

SUPPORT FROM HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR SERVICE PUPILS



The information below details the support available from different higher education institutions (HEIs), which is offered across the country for students from Armed Forces families who are considering university/higher education level study.

INSTITUTION

TYPE OF SUPPORT

University of Portsmouth

A dedicated member of staff who can support you with any questions or needs you have. Email: upforuni@port.ac.uk.
The university has the Greenwich Hospital Bursary of £3000 per year. To be eligible, students must be a full-time undergraduate student; have a household income of less than £40,000 per year; and be a child of serving or retired Royal Navy or Royal Marine personnel. Full information can be found on the university's [scholarship and bursaries webpages](#).

University of York

The University has a dedicated adviser, who can advise you on any aspect of your student experience, including getting involved, student finance, and accessing guidance or support whilst at university: [click here for more information](#).

University of Greenwich

[Royal Navy and Royal Marine Bursary](#).
This bursary provides up to £3,000 per year for undergraduate students whose parents have a record of service. Your household income must also be less than £40,000 per year.

Newcastle University

The University's '[Partners Programme](#)' offers supported entry for children of service personnel. This means you can receive lower grades than otherwise expected. There are also summer schools you can attend and other academic support you can receive.

University of Winchester

[Discover Winchester](#) is a new scheme designed to increase the proportion of applicants from widening participation backgrounds. Eligible applicants will receive: a guaranteed interview to an interviewing course (subject to studying relevant subjects - e.g. sciences for Physiotherapy, etc.); an offer at -8 points (1 grade) below the advertised tariff range; a travel bursary to help with the cost of travelling to an Experience Winchester Day.

Royal Agricultural University (RAU)

RAU offers the MacRobert Forces Scholarship to students who have a strong connection to the Armed Forces. The award is £1000 for one year. More information on eligibility and how to apply can be found on the [RAU website](#).

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TYPE OF SUPPORT

Sheffield Hallam University

Children from military families can apply through [SHU Progress](#), which offers a personal contact at the university, practical support with the application process, exclusive and personal visits to the university, including travel costs, and a personalised contextual offer.

University of Oxford

Service children are eligible for the [Astrophoria Foundation Year Programme](#), a one year foundation programme, after which you can remain at Oxford to complete a full degree, or leave with a Certificate of Higher Education and apply elsewhere (depending on your grades). Students on the Astrophoria Foundation Year will receive free accommodation, no course fees, and receive a non-repayable bursary for their living costs.

University of the West of England (UWE)

A contextual offer for service pupils - the university will reduce entry requirements for all undergraduate degree courses by 16 UCAS tariff points. For foundation courses, the reduction is eight UCAS tariff points. Full information can be found on the UWE [contextual offers webpages](#).

University of Sheffield

Although the university does not have a contextual offer specifically for service pupils, it does offer 'additional consideration' for students who have had disrupted studies, which may apply to service pupils. Students who wish to apply for this consideration must submit a form to the university. Full information can be found on their [Access Sheffield webpages](#).

Anglia Ruskin University

A contextual offer for service pupils whose parent or carer are currently serving in the UK Armed Forces. Depending on the course to which they have applied and whether they are considered for a place, applicants may receive an unconditional offer or a reduced conditional offer. For full information, see the Anglia Ruskin ['After you apply' webpages](#).

University of Reading

Service pupils are eligible for a contextual offer if they apply to the university. Full information can be found on their [offers webpages](#). Service pupils are also eligible to apply to [Reading Scholars](#), an outreach programme that gives Year 12 students an insight into university. Young people who take part in the scheme may then be eligible for additional support - e.g. a bursary should they progress onto HE study at Reading.

SUPPORT FOR SERVICE PUPILS - BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND COURSES



The information below details the support available that is offered across the country from different organisations for students from Armed Forces families who are considering university/higher education level study.

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TYPE OF SUPPORT

**The Armed Forces
Bereavement
Scholarship
Scheme (AFBSS)**

Higher and further education scholarships for service children who have been bereaved. Information can be found on the [Gov.uk website](#).

**The Armed
Forces
Education Trust**

Successful applicants may receive a provisional grant for university years 2 and 3. Information can be found on the [Trust's website](#).

**The Royal
British Legion**

Accommodation Scholarship Grants:

This type of grant is to assist with someone's first degree only and is to be used towards accommodation costs whilst away at university. Those that can apply are dependents of current and former service personnel aged 21 years old or under (for initial applications). Scholarships that are awarded can be up to the value of £2000 per year and can be re-applied to for a maximum of 3 years. This is dependent on the years remaining of your course when you apply.

**The Lord
Kitchener
Memorial Fund**

The Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund offers scholarships of £1,500 for students who are starting their first degree.

**Online
courses**

Check out MOOCs*, which are free courses. There are many which help to prepare students for studies, like this one from [Future Learn](#): '[Preparing for University](#)'.

*Massive Open Online Courses