

# Tick the **Box**



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**Are you or have you ever been in foster or residential care?**

If so and you are applying to university then you should 'Tick the Box' on your UCAS form to say that you have been in care.

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## Why 'Tick the Box'?

Additional support is available for young people who currently are or have been in care and are starting university.

## What kind of support is available?

The range of support is different in each university but it could be additional financial support, in the form of a bursary. It could also be practical support to help you settle into university or to find accommodation, advice on managing your finances or personal support.

## Buttle UK

Some universities have been awarded the Buttle UK Quality Mark and this will be clearly stated on their prospectus for potential students. It is awarded to further and higher education institutions committed to helping young people who are care experienced. A university with the Buttle UK Quality Mark can offer:

- An identified person to provide support to care leavers throughout their degree.
- Financial support in the form of a bursary or additional finance.
- Year round accommodation.
- Practical support such as taster sessions, summer schemes, advice on applying to university and so on

Some further education colleges also have the Buttle UK Quality Mark.

## Is support available for going to further education?

If you are applying to further education then you should also Tick the Box on the enrolment or application form as this will ensure you get additional help.

Further education colleges can also offer practical support with applications and with any ongoing issues during your period of study.

## Does 'Tick the Box' affect decisions on offers?

Ticking the box is a process used only to enable the university to offer additional support. It does not affect university offers.

## About us

The Fostering Network is the UK's leading fostering charity. By working with foster families and the services that support them, we help fostered children and young people to achieve the very best they can. Together with our members and supporters we are a powerful catalyst for change, and have been leading the fostering agenda for more than 40 years.

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