

Education Maintenance Allowance
(EMA) 2026/27



With EMA **you**
could get £40
a week to help
with the costs of
your education



This leaflet tells you if you can get EMA
and explains how to apply.



We welcome applications in Welsh.
This won't lead to a delay in our response.



Keep an eye on:
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/ema
for updates





Could I get EMA?

You could get EMA if you can answer yes to **all** the following questions:

- Will you be 16, 17 or 18 years old on 31 August 2026?
 - Do you live in Wales?
 - Will you be continuing to study full time at school or college for at least 12 hours per week?
 - Does your course last at least 10 weeks?
 - Are you the only young person in full-time further education in your household **and** your household income is £24,570 or less?
- or**
- Are there other young people in your household in full-time further education who are eligible for Child Benefit **and** your household income is £27,273 or less?
- or**
- Are you a care leaver?



How much could I get?

You could get £40 a week, paid directly into your bank account every 2 weeks. This is based on your attendance at school or college.



What do I need to do?

Check out our website for all the latest information and updates on when and how to apply at:

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/ema

You can apply before you get your GCSE results or before you've decided where you'll study.



Find out more at:

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