

And finally – don't forget to register with The Share Foundation by returning the attached form if you'd like us to contact you directly.

Please return the completed form in an envelope without delay to:
(no stamp required)

**FREEPOST
THE SHARE FOUNDATION**

The Share Foundation is a registered UK Charity No. 1108068, and a company limited by Guarantee in the United Kingdom, no. 4500923.

Registered address:
Oxford House
Oxford Road
Aylesbury
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HP21 8PB



Stepladder Plus (the incentivised programme)

In order to take the Stepladder Plus you must:

1. Have an active Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund (CTF) under the Government scheme: this means you can't be 18 or over.
2. Have reached your 15th birthday.
3. Be 'looked after' by a local authority which is participating in the scheme.

You can check whether your local authority is included by going to the registration page <https://stepladderplus.sharefound.org> and seeing whether it's included in the drop-down list.

If you're able to take Stepladder Plus, here's the money you can earn which is paid into your Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund account as you take each step:

1. Literacy - £150
2. Numeracy - £150
3. Financial capability (1) - £200
4. Plan for the future - £250
5. Financial capability (2) - £350
6. Mentoring - £400



So you can earn an additional £1,500 in your account by taking the six steps.

How it works

You will need a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone, with internet connection and a personal email address for access.

How to register? Go to <https://sharefound.org/stepladder> to complete an online form.

Application process? We will process your application within a working week and notify you by email - so please check your email junk folder regularly.

If eligible you will be asked to set up a password to log in and review the dashboard.

Click on Take the Step to start the programme and work through the online learning materials.

Successfully complete a step and the money will be paid into your Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund account. Continue with the next step to earn more funds.

If you have any questions about your account or the Stepladder programmes, please get in touch via our website, email, or call us on 01296 310405 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and we will try to help.

Please note you will receive a number of emails from Stepladder to confirm your progress, so please check your email regularly including your junk folder.

IF YOU'RE
**'LOOKED
AFTER',**
AND YOU'RE
AGED 15-17..

Chances are that there's at least £200 in a special account (a Junior ISA or a Child Trust Fund), waiting for your 18th birthday..

Earn yourself an extra £1,500 in your Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund by taking our 6-step 'Stepladder Plus' course.

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inspiring young people in care

YOUR MONEY ...



As someone who's been in care continuously for at least one year, you will already have either a Junior ISA or a Child Trust Fund (CTF), with money that the Government has contributed into the account for you.

The Share Foundation, which runs the account for you, is doing its best to help you prepare to make good use of the money which you will get access to at 18, and to raise additional money to boost its value. You can find out more about the scheme at <https://sharefound.org>



Check out the basics: go to our website, look at 'Your Junior ISA/Child Trust Fund' and click on 'Your Age: 15-17'. You'll find a guide to making your money work for you, and there's also access on this page to further guidance via information leaflets.

As from your 15th birthday you can also **register directly with The Share Foundation** so that we can contact you directly, by completing and returning the attached form.

We're keen to help you prepare for adult life, so we'd also like to introduce you to our :

Stepladder of Achievement programme

It's a tailor made programme for looked after young people and care leavers up to the age of 25 to develop financial know-how, improve literacy and numeracy skills and to help you to be better placed to achieve your aims in adult life.

Here are the six steps in the Stepladder programme:

1. **Literacy** – that is, reading and writing up to functional skill Level 2
2. **Numeracy** – that is, handling numbers up to functional skill Level 2
3. **Financial capability** (1) Making my Money Work – basic money sense
4. **Plan for the future** – 250 words on your plans for the future
5. **Financial capability** (2) Managing my Money – an 8 week radio course with lots of money info
6. **Mentoring** - securing future education, employment, training, or sustaining one or more of them with individual help

Take all six steps to develop your life skills for employment, higher education or training, and for living independently.

Benefits for you:

- Learn anytime, anywhere!
- Work at your own pace to complete each step
- Learn how to budget and manage your money as well as life skills
- Plan for the future – and consider becoming a mentor for the Stepladder of Achievement programme yourself!
- Get access to guidance and support if required and available.

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Please complete this form so that we can give it to your Local Authority – you will then be able to contact us direct

"I hereby authorise you to provide to The Share Foundation (registered company number: 4500923 and registered charity number: 1108068, whose registered office is at Oxford House, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 8PB) the following information in relation to myself, the young person named below who is the beneficial owner of a Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund administered by The Share Foundation.

I request that the information is kept up to date by inclusion in your regular information report to The Share Foundation. This authorisation shall remain in force until cancelled by me giving you written notice that the authorisation is revoked."

Signed:

Date:/...../20.....

Full name:	
Your local authority:	
Date of Birth: / /	E-mail address:
Postal Address:	
Town:	
County:	Postcode:
Mobile No.:	Other Telephone No.:

Note: all information other than full name and date of birth is optional: also, please leave blank any information which is not available.