



Social Security Scotland

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The Best Start Grant is 3 one-off cash payments that you can apply for if you're a parent or a carer:

1. Pregnancy and Baby Payment
2. Early Learning Payment
3. School Age Payment

You can get these payments:

- if you have a child who's the right age for a payment
- whether you're in work or not, as long as you receive certain payments or tax credits.

1. Pregnancy and Baby Payment

You can apply for the Pregnancy and Baby Payment from 24 weeks pregnant up to the day your baby is 6 months old. This goes up to 1 year old if you've taken over looking after a child, such as if you've adopted.

You can apply for a child whether they're your first child or not.

If you can get the Pregnancy and Baby Payment for your first child, you'll be paid £600. You'll be paid £300 for any child that comes after your first.

2. Early Learning Payment

You can apply from your child's second birthday up to the day your child is 3 years 6 months old.

If you can get the Early Learning Payment, you'll be paid £250 for each child you can get the payment for.

3. School Age Payment

You can apply for the School Age Payment in the year your child should be starting school.

Please contact Lyndsay or John at the office for more information.