Mr/Ms x

Street Address

SUBURB NSW P/C

Dear

I am writing to you about a payment that is available to help care leavers achieve good educational outcomes.

As a carer, you know the importance education has in preparing a young person for a positive future. Carers play an important role in encouraging and supporting the young person in their care and assisting them to reach their full potential.

Many young people in statutory or supported out-of-home care turn 18 before completing their Higher School Certificate. While the carer allowance stops at this time, carers often continue to support these young people in their home to help them complete their studies.

A non-means tested payment aimed at helping young people aged from 18 to 24 years complete their Higher School Certificate is available. The payment provides financial assistance to their carer to maintain the current living and support arrangements while they complete their studies.

You have been identified as a carer of a young person about to turn 18 years. If the young person in your care is enrolled and completing the High School Certificate or equivalent study (full time) you may be eligible for this financial support once the young person turns 18 years.

Information about *Post Care Education Financial Support* and an application form are enclosed.

**If you believe you may be eligible for Post Care Education Financial Support, please fill out the enclosed application form and return it in the ‘reply paid’ envelope provided.**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment as a carer and the invaluable role that you play in providing a safe and caring home for vulnerable young people.

Yours sincerely

Name

**Position title**

**Designated agency**

*Encl.*

Post Care Education Financial Support - Frequently Asked Questions

Post Care Education Financial Support - application form