

I wish to state my support for a system of youth allowance that allows both rural and city student to attend university. I suggest that the government creates an option of independence for students who must relocate away from their families to study at the age of 18. Defining a students financial situation solely on their parents income until the age of 22 is not an accurate indication of the level of support provided by parents. Under the proposed changes many students who would have otherwise been able to gain independence, and thus assistance, though the "gap" year, will now have no way of gaining any form of assistance. This will result in many country students with the talent and the desire missing out on higher education.