

Hello my name is Asha Morris and i am writing in regards to the independent youth allowance,

I Graduated in 2009 and was accepted into UWA to do a bachelor of science and deferred my place for 12 months, my place could however only be held for 12 months no longer.

Although within the last 12 months i have changed my mind in regards to my direction of study and have now been accepted into ECU to do primary teaching.

It however was through this process that it came to my attention that; to be able to access independent youth allowance i would have to work for 18 months full time, which meant if i chose to take my place at UWA there was no way for me to access independent youth allowance without losing my place at the university.

I also think that after working full time for the last 12 months (which i have) i am well and truly ready to start university and begin to discover the next chapter of my life and honestly feel that by putting off starting my studies for another 6 months i may lose my motivation to start my studies.

Therefore i am not in agreement with the current independence criteria regarding youth allowance and think that it seriously needs to be reconsidered.

Regards Asha Morris