

Student finance – what you need to know

We're
here to
help

Thinking about what
you're going to study and
wondering how you'll pay
for it?

Student Finance England is here to help

Student Finance England is a service provided by the Student Loans Company. We provide financial support on behalf of the government to students from England entering higher education in the UK.

What can I get?

While you're a student you'll have two main costs – tuition fees and living costs, you can apply for student finance to help you with both of these.

- **Tuition Fee Loan** – You can apply for this to help you pay the tuition fee that your university or college is charging. It doesn't depend on your household income. We pay this loan straight to your university or college.
- **Maintenance Loan** – This is to help with your living costs. The first part of it isn't based on your household income, but you can apply for more that is.
- **Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)** – If you have a disability, including a mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia you might be able to get extra help. These don't have to be paid back.
- **Dependants' Grants** – If you have children or adults that depend on you there are other grants you can apply for to help you pay the extra costs you'll have.
- Your university or college might offer you a bursary or scholarship, this isn't always money - it could be a discount, for example on your fees or accommodation costs.
- You have to pay back any loans you take, but not until you've finished your course and are working. You don't have to pay back grants, bursaries or scholarships.

What you can get

Find out
more

How to apply

Repaying your loan

For a range of helpful tools and guidance visit SFE's student finance zone on The Student Room at www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

To find out how to apply and what you can get read our interactive quick start guides at www.sfengland.slc.co.uk/quickstartguides

For more information about repaying your loan and the interest you'll be charged visit www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk

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