

APPLYING FOR
STUDENT FINANCE
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A QUICK GUIDE

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STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND

Student Finance England
is a partnership between:

Department for Business Innovation & Skills (BIS)
Student Loans Company Ltd (SLC)

STUDENT FINANCE

Finance	Repayable	How Paid	Notes
Tuition Fee Loan	Yes – when earning over £21k from April of the year course completes	Direct to university	>£9,250k
Maintenance Loan	Yes	To student	Up to £11,002* *Support for living costs Depends on where you live
Scholarships & bursaries	No	To student	Check university for scholarships and bursaries available
Other support available	if you have dependants; or if you have a disability, mental-health condition, long-term health condition or specific learning difficulty; care leaver – check 'Extra Help' https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview		

STUDENT RESEARCH

- Budget Calculator (*estimate costs for food, books, bills, TV licence, insurance etc*)
- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/finance-and-support/budget-calculator>
- Student Finance Calculator (*how much Finance you may be entitled to if you meet criteria: personal, course and university/college eligibility*)
- <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

KEY MESSAGES

- Do your research early
- Do not wait until you know where you are going before applying
- Apply online now
- Send in your signature and your evidence promptly
- Let Student Finance England know asap if anything changes
- Make use of 'My Account'

WHEN TO APPLY

- ASAP!
- The application cycle for new applicants is now open
- Deadline for submission is **26 May 2017** if you want your money in place before your course starts – *you can apply later but money may not be in place for start of course*
- You need to re-apply for finance every year of your course – what's available depends on when you started.
- *If you have submitted a UCAS application this year but are deferring entry to 2018, you will apply for Student Finance in May 2018*

HOW TO APPLY

- Students apply on-line: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance>
- *NB: If you are applying for a Disabled Students' Allowance as well you will need to apply for this separately by paper application*
- Application does not have to be done in one sitting, you can save and go back to it until you are ready to submit

CONTACTS

Student helpline: 0300 100 0607

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england>

USEFUL RESOURCES

Information and Guidance:

- <W:\Sixth Form\Experience\Student Finance 2017-18>
- <https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=5967-Repaying-your-student-loan>
- <http://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/quickStartFinanceGuide/home.html>
- <http://www.thescholarshipub.org.uk/>

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Information correct at time of printing (Feb 2017) but Government have not yet confirmed figures. Please regularly check Student Finance England website for up-to-date information