

Financial Support for Higher Education 2011

The Student Finance Package

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Background to The New Student Finance Service

- Previously, applications were made through Local Education Authorities. Their assessment decided the level of support for individual students
- In England, this service has been centralised. Its name is:



- SFE is a 'service delivery partnership' between The Student Loans Company and the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills

Student Finance in the News

Major changes to future higher education funding

- These will affect those going to university in 2012
- They will affect those making a deferred application now for 2012 entry
- They will not affect those entering university in 2011
- They will not affect subsequent years of study for 2011 entrants
- Details of 2012 funding to be finalised this summer
- Broadly, the 2012 changes are:
 - Fees increased (£6000-£9000PA)
 - Loan interest rate higher
 - Repayment threshold raised to £21,000

Overview

- The Student Finance Package:

Fee Loan Maintenance Loan Maintenance Grant Uni Bursary

- Means Testing and Household Income
- Case Study for University Bursary
- Is This Enough To Live On?
- Other Sources of Income
- Eligibility
- Repaying
- Additional Support (Mature students)
- Courses Funded Differently:

Dance & Drama Diplomas NHS Social Work Part-time Study

Student Finance Package

Tuition Fee Loan

Non income
assessed

Covers full
cost of fees



Paid direct
to
Institution

Repayable by student

Student Finance Package

Maintenance Loan

28% income
assessed

Help with
living and
study costs



Paid
termly to
student

Repayable by student

Variations in the Maintenance Loan

(Maximum and minimum rates shown)



Parental home:

£3,838

£2,763

Elsewhere:

£4,950

£3,564

In London:

£6,928

£4,988

Student Finance Package

Maintenance Grant

Fully income assessed

Help with
living and
study costs



Paid termly
to student

Non repayable

Student Finance Package

University Bursary

Scheme unique
to each Institution

Help with
living and
study costs



Apply to
Institution
upon
arrival

Non repayable

Means Testing

Your 'Household Income' assessed

- 'Household' - Where the student is normally resident
- 'Income' - Gross income in prior Tax Year
 - ...of Parent/s, Step Parent, Partner
 - ...who live in the same household as student
 - Parents living outside household not counted
 - Includes earnings from savings or investments
- Tax Year - Previous Tax Year (09/10) is normally assessed (if income has dropped by 15%, 10/11 possible)
- Independent - 25 + years old or 3 years living independently

Income Assessment

Disregards

- Private pension contributions (IE Not state, public sector or company)
- Additional children already in HE (£1130 per child)
- Income from tax free savings (IE ISAs)
- Non taxable benefits eg Housing; Child
- Child or Working Tax Credits
- Save As You Earn schemes
- Premium Bonds, National Lottery or gambling prizes

How Household Income affects Loans, Grants and Bursaries

Household Income	Maintenance Loan	Maintenance Grant	University Bursary
£25,000	£3,497	£2,906	£338-£4100
£30,000	£3,997	£1,906	£0-£3225
£34,000	£4,397	£1,106	£0-£1800
£40,000	£4,595	£711	£0
£45,000	£4,760	£381	£0
£50,778	£4,950	£0	£0
£57,708+	£3,564	£0	£0

Case Study

Bristol University Bursary

**Household
Income**

Bursary

**Bursary + BA/
BS Postcode**

Up to £25,000

£1,260

Up to £40,000

£810

£1130

Up to £50,020

£330



Is this enough to live on?

- Support for living costs (academic year) is Loan + Grant + Bursary
- Where household income is... Typical support is...

£25,000 =	£7000 Approx
£40,000 =	£5400 Approx
£60,000 =	£3564
- Accommodation costs vary hugely across UK
- Living costs (halls of residence) = **£7000**
Therefore shortfall = £0 - £3500 approx
(based on University of Essex figures)

Other Sources of Income

- Parental Support (!)
- Part-time/holiday work
(Could be worth £2k - £3k . First £6475 tax free)
- Bursaries and scholarships. Worth a look: scholarship-search.org.uk
- Access to Learning Fund (Hardship) – Amount varies by University as well as whether it is a loan or grant (Funds are finite)
- Bank overdraft: Google ‘moneyfacts student banking’ to choose a bank
- Disabled Student Allowance worth up to £1724 + equipment + helper costs. Separate application – paper.

The Online Calculator

- Quick access to illustration of support (Loan and Grant)
- Quick links to HEI bursary, scholarship and fee information
- Google: [directgov student calculator 2011](#)
- Repayment Calculator – estimation based on current inflation rate

Eligibility

- Chosen course Must be full-time and “designated”
- Previous HE Study For no more than 1 year
- Residency UK & EU – in UK for last 3 years - full support
 UK & EU (Not in UK 3 years) - Fee Loan only
 Non EU – Unlikely – Contact SFE
- No age limit for Fee Loan
- Age limit for Maintenance Loan -must be less than 60 years old

Repaying the Loan

- Repayments only start in April after course has finished
- Deferred if earning £15,000 or less
- Deducted from salary (like tax)
- 9% of anything over £15,000 deducted
 - Eg Earnings =£16,000
 - Thus £1000 over threshold
 - 9% of £1000 = £90 per annum
 - Obviously deductions increase as salary goes up
- Overpayments possible
- Interest charged at current inflation rate (from when borrowed)
- Any remaining debt cancelled after 25 years

Additional Support for Independent Students

Other SFE Support

- Childcare Grants: 1st (Up to) £148pw inc Hols, 2+ £255.
- Adult Dependents Grant: £2642
- Parent Learning Allowance: Max £1508 (v low income)

Benefits Agency Support

- Job Seeker's Allowance } Lone parent + part-time study;
Income support } Both parents are students (holidays only);
Housing benefit only if... } Disability; Retired; Refugee.
- Child Tax Credit As before, variable £s + school meals.
- More info: Google 'advice education income' ;
'hero low income'; 'taxcredits'

Courses Funded Differently



- **Open University** Fees paid 100% if Household income less than £16k. Means tested bursary for Laptop. Use OU calculator.
- **Erasmus** Fees paid 100% if full year abroad. Standard loan/grant Plus EU grant of 225 Euros per month
- **Extra Years** Standard loan/grant - notify SFE ASAP.
EG Top-Up Year (after HND FdA) MEng, Year 0
- **DaDAs** Fees: all but £1275 paid. More Info: 0800 121 8989
Grant MT £21K=£4823, £33K=£0. Audition award.
- **Social Work** Usual SFE support plus...
Bursary £4575 (Apply NHSBSA)
- **Part-time** Partial Course and Fee Grant for lower income students

Courses Funded Differently (NHS)

- **Med & Dentistry** Years 1-4: standard loan/grant
Years 5-6: as NHS degree (below)

- **Comparison**

	Fees	Loan	(MT)	Bursary	(MT)	Total	Apply
Nursing Dip	Paid	£0	(N/A)	£6531	(No)	£6531	NHS
NHS Degree	Paid	£2324	(No)	£2739	(Yes)	£5004	SFE/NHS

Podiatry, Dietetics, Operating department practice, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Radiography, Speech Therapy

- **Bursary Application:** Go to NHSBSA website when offered a place
- **Loan Application:** Apply SFE ASAP
- **NHS online calculator:** NHSBSA website

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The Application

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Overview of the Application Process

- Online versus paper application
- Important Documents you will need
- Applying Online- Step by Step (students and parents)
- What does the online application look like?
- Tricky bits
- Deadlines
- Support

Online versus paper application

- In the past, applications were paper based and sent to County Hall
- SFE have strongly promoted the new online application
- According to SFE, the advantages include:
 - Quicker to send/process
 - Migration of UCAS data
 - Only relevant questions asked
 - Data share with Passport Service
 - Renewal rather than re-application for continuing students
- Paper applications are still possible. You can either:
 - 1) Contact SFE directly for a copy. Tel 0800 7319133OR
 - 2) Print form out:
 - Go to www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance then
 - Search this Site: PN1
 - Click on: [Student finance forms and guides 2011](#)

Important documents and information (Applicants)

Applicant

- UK Passport or Birth Certificate
- National Insurance Number
- Course details (Course code, duration, placements, study abroad)
- Bank details (these can be provided later)

Mature students (Additional to the above):

- Marriage Certificate or Decree absolute

Important Documents you will need



(The Sponsor- ie Parents/step parent/independent student/partner)

Gross taxable income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P60.• Payslip for month 12 or week 53 showing 'Total paid to date' for earnings.• A completed Income Confirmation Form (CI2).• Letter from employer confirming earnings.
Benefits in kind	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P11D.
Income from self employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-employment Earnings Confirmation Form (GSA1).• Letter from accountant.
Income as a company director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P60.• P11D.• Confirmation of earnings or fees from a chartered or certified accountant or HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC).• Self-employment Earnings Confirmation Form (GSA1).
Income from state retirement pension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P60.• Letter from pension provider showing pension payments
Pension payments made to or received from a former partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attachment order.
Income from benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P60U.• Letter from Jobcentre Plus to confirm any benefits received.• A completed Benefits Confirmation Form (CB2).
Any employment-related expenditure on which you claim tax relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send same evidence as was sent to HM Revenue & Customs. This must show evidence of tax relief.

Applying Online- Step by Step

1. Student registers online
2. Parents emailed Alias ID to register and to access application
3. Student completes their part of application
4. Parents complete their part of application
5. Application submitted and documentation sent to SFE
6. SFE sends notification as to what level of support is made
7. Student signs form at start of term at university
8. Money transferred to student bank account and annual fees paid

Account Links

- ▶ My Account
- ▶ View Payments
- ▶ Update My Profile
- ▶ Update Security Details
- ▶ View Correspondence
- ▶ Update Bank Details

My Account

Students from England - apply now if your course starts before 1 September 2011.

Apply online for academic year 2010/11 - if this year of your course starts before 1 September 2011.

Click on the link under 'My applications' below to apply for finance or get an update on your application.

If your course starts after 1 September 2011, **you can't apply yet**. You will be able to apply for finance in early 2011.

Your notification letter and online declaration

Choose 'View correspondence' to view your notification letter after your finance is approved. If you applied online you need to sign the declaration on the last two pages and send this in.

Evidence for student finance (England students)

"I got an email asking for evidence, but I've already sent this in."

"Should I use recorded delivery to send in evidence?"

[Evidence pages for England students \(opens in a new window\)](#)

Parents, husbands, wives and civil partners of students

The student should log in and start their application for student finance. They will be asked how you want to provide your financial information. You can enter these details at the same time as the student, or log in separately.

You will be asked about your income for the 2008-09 tax year. At the end of the application, you may be asked to send in evidence of your income.

EU students

You can use the online service to change your bank details and address. [Download a form](#) to apply for finance.

Facebook and Twitter update messages

www.facebook.com/SFEngland

www.twitter.com/sf_england

My Applications

2010/11

[Apply for Student Support](#)

Parents/partners - Support an application

2010/11

[Support an application](#)

- Use the navigation links rather than the back button
- Before stopping midway, complete section to save your details
- You can amend your details up until you submit the application

Nationality and residency

Are you a UK National?

Yes No

Which country are you a National of?

[▶ Show help](#)

In the 3 years prior to the start of the first academic year of your course, did you live outside the UK at any time?

Yes No

[▶ Show help](#)

At any time since 1 September 2007, has:

- either of your parents, step-parents, guardians or
- your husband, wife, civil partner or
- your parent's or step-parent's husband, wife or civil partner

lived or worked outside the UK and Islands or in the case of an EU, EEA or Swiss National outside the EEA or Switzerland?

Yes No

[▶ Show help](#)

Previous loans and study

Have you ever had any other loans from the Student Loans Company?

Yes No

Have you started an undergraduate course of Higher Education in any country since leaving school? Tick 'Yes' even if you did not complete the course.

Yes No

Your estimate so far - no household income provided

From the information you have provided you are entitled for the following Student Finance without using household income

Maintenance loan of **£3564.00**

Tuition Fee Loan of up to **£3000.00**

However, you could be entitled to further student finance if you choose to provide your household income.

[Apply for the amount shown →](#)

Your estimate so far - provide your household income

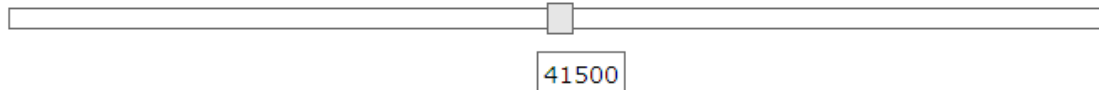
If you know your household income the sliding scale below will give you an indication of what other Student Finance you can receive

Tuition Fee Loan of up to **£3000.00**

£25000

£41500

£58000



Household income **£40,001 - £45,000**

Maintenance Loan **£4,596 - £4,760**

Maintenance Grant **£381 - £710**

[Continue based on household income →](#)

This screen is very important - it splits customers into means-tested or non-means tested. At this point, the student can either finish their application or choose to apply for means-tested support. If they choose the latter they will need to give household income details and tell us if they have a parent or partner who supports them financially.

Your application

- ▶ About you ✓
- ▼ Your course ✓
 - ▶ Term time ✓
 - ▶ Your income ✓
 - ▶ **Your family**
 - ▶ Your loan

=Incomplete =Complete

Your student finance application

Your family

The following questions are designed to work out if your parent(s) need to provide their financial details to support your application.

Your parent's details

With which parent do you normally live or have more contact?

What is the marital or civil partnership status of this parent? Select "living with partner" if they live with a partner of either sex and they are not married or civil partners.

Support details

Have you supported yourself financially for a total of three years or more prior to the start of the first academic year of your course?

Yes No

▶ [Show help](#)

The above determines who the sponsor(s) are or whether the student is of independent status (student date of birth also being taken into account)

* Do you wish to apply for a loan to cover your maintenance costs?
 A loan for maintenance is to help with your living costs, such as accommodation, food, clothes and travel. This amount will be paid directly to you. Yes No

* Do you wish to apply for a loan to cover your tuition fee costs?
 A loan for tuition fees is to help you cover any tuition fee costs that you are unable to meet. This amount will be paid to your university or college. Yes No

* Your university or college may be offering financial awards such as bursaries or scholarships to its students. Do you consent to your information being shared with your university or college specifically for bursary administration purposes? Yes No

* Amount of Maintenance Loan you would like to borrow: Maximum Other

Please specify the amount: £

* Amount of Tuition Fee Loan you would like to borrow: Maximum Other

1. Maintenance & Fee Loans: You don't have to take out the full amount of these nor indeed anything at all, but we recommend you do both.
2. Consenting to share information with your University means that they can contact you regarding their scholarships or bursaries.

Your student finance application

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Your parents' financial information

The person(s) supporting your application for student finance will need to provide financial information in order for your application to be correctly assessed. Please indicate below which method they will use to provide this information.

Select 'online - in the same application form as me' if your parents or partner are present and want to provide their financial information now .

Select 'online - after me' if your parents or partner want to log in independently from you and provide their financial information in a separate secure session, to protect their privacy.

Select 'by completing a paper form' if your parents or partner do not want to use the online self service but would prefer to provide their financial information on paper.

Your parents' financial information

How will your Father provide financial information?

- Online - in the same application form as me
- Online - after I have completed the student finance application
- By completing a paper form

How will your Mother provide financial information?

- Online - in the same application form as me
- Online - after I have completed the student finance application
- By completing a paper form

Something that should be agreed with the student in advance of their completing the application is method of application sponsors will use

Sponsor Income

Summary

Annual Income

What is your total income (Before Deductions):	£25000.00
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What Was The Source Of Your Income?

Give details of the gross taxable income from salary or wages (before deductions) received from 6 April 2007 to 5 April 2008. These details can be found on your P60. Send your 2007/2008 P60 or other evidence.	£25000.00
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Taxable benefits in kind. Send your P11D for 2007/2008 or "notice of coding" for 2008/2009.	£0.00
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Income from self-employment (estimate if you are not sure).	£0.00
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Income as company director:	£0.00
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Income from the state retirement pension:	£0.00
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Income from any other pensions:	£0.00
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Income from property, lettings or rents:	£0.00
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How much of this amount is through the 'Rent a Room' scheme?	£
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Bank and building society gross interest (before tax):	£0.00
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Sponsor Income

Evidence Summary

Important information on where to send your evidence

Name of your Award Authority	STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND
Address of your Award Authority	Student Finance England PO Box 89 Darlington DL1 9AZ
Alias ID	11089216663
Customer Reference Number	50266438182
Applicants Name	Xjustatest Xwipe

Evidence Summary

We are expecting from you:	For the Financial Year:	Date we received this item:	Date we returned this item to you:
• Original P60	2007/08		

After completing the application- print this section for reference

Welcome, Xjustatest Xwiiipe

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- ▶ Search Knowledge Base
- ▶ Ask a Question
- ▶ View Messages
- ▶ Update My Profile
- ▶ Update Security Details
- ▶ View Correspondence
- ▶ Update Bank Details

My Account



New Students

Commencing studies in academic year **09/10** (i.e. course starts after 1st September 2009), you can apply for Student finance by clicking on the "**Apply for Student Support**" link alongside academic year **09/10**.

Continuing students

Continuing your studies in academic year **09/10**, you can apply for Student finance by clicking on the "**Apply for Student Support**" link alongside academic year **09/10**.

Parents, husbands, wives and civil partners of students

Submit your financial details to support student applications by clicking on "**Support an Application**" alongside the relevant academic year.

My Applications

2009/10	Academic Year	SAP	Institution	Course	Status
	2009/10	54593978	MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY	ACCOUNTING	Awaiting Further Information

Parents or Spouse/Partner Application Support

2009/10 [Support an Application](#)

Student Name

XJUSTATEST XWIPE

Status

Awaiting Assessment

[Let me add a student to my list of students to support](#)

Dates and Deadlines

- Application process begins – March 16th
- Official SFE Deadline for guaranteed payment at start of term:
May 31st
- Our recommended deadline to avoid delays - April 30th
- Average processing time 6-8 weeks
- Open bank account on campus – after Summer results
- Apply for Bursary at University – start of Autumn Term

Support

- Information on the Strode College Website:
 These slides
 Parent Qs & As
 Follow the links: 'Services and Support' and 'Careers'
- Link to Info & Application: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
- Telephone Helpline: 0845 300 5090