

SAAS

Student
Awards
Agency
Scotland

Funding your future



Providing **SUPPORT**,
INFORMATION and
FUNDING for all eligible
students studying
throughout the UK

- ✓ Informing Choices
- ✓ Funding Futures
- ✓ Supporting Success

Eligibility

You need to have lived in the UK for 3 years (resident) and be living in Scotland at the start of your course...



What courses do we fund?

- Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Degree
- Nursing/Midwifery/Paramedic Science degree
- Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

Separate funding packages are available for postgraduate, part-time, paramedic, nursing and midwifery courses.

When to apply

▲ From April

Every year of your course at: www.saas.gov.uk

▲ Apply by 30 June

To ensure you get your funding in time for the start of your course.

▲ Do not wait for exam results

If you do not get on the course you want, you can easily change or cancel your application through your SAAS Account.

Getting in touch

If you need to contact SAAS, there are several ways you can do this.

If you've already made an application, you can use the Submit Enquiry button on your SAAS Account. Webchat is also available on www.saas.gov.uk.

Check for regular student funding updates on our social media channels. Search 'Student Awards Agency Scotland'.

Wondering how much money you will need for college or university?

Check out the Student Information Scotland website and use the Budget and Funding Calculators: www.studentinformation.gov.scot.



Student Funding Facts

All about **student funding** in Scotland...



Tuition Fees

- Your tuition fees are paid if you study in Scotland (you need to apply to SAAS for these)
- A fee loan of up to £9,790 is available to students studying at a publicly funded college or university in the rest of the UK

Payments

- Fees are paid in each year of your course
- A payment schedule will be on your Award Notice, found on your [SAAS Account](#)
- You can choose to receive your loan payments over term-time (usually 9 months) or across 12 months to help you budget

Repaying a loan

- The Student Loans Company (SLC), who are separate to SAAS, pay and collect your loan
- You will not have to start repaying your loan until the April after you graduate or leave your course
- For full terms and conditions, read the [SLC terms and conditions](#).



Which funding is right for you?

▲ Young students

(under 25 at start of the course) may be eligible for a bursary and loan. This will be decided by your own circumstances and household income.

▲ Independent students

(25 or older, married or self-supporting) are eligible for a loan, and can apply for a bursary if the household income is below £21,000. When assessing your eligibility, we will consider parents or parent's partner, partner or spouse, and your student income.

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Specialist Support

Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedic Science

- Tuition fees paid
- NHS bursary of £10,000 per year
- Placement expenses

Care Experienced Students

Eligible students must be:

- studying a full-time undergraduate course
- Have ever been looked after by a local authority (council) before turning 18, for example, in a foster home, children's home, a List D school, a Borstal or close support unit

Estranged Students

An estranged student is someone who no longer has contact with their parents or legal guardians due to a permanent breakdown in their relationship.

- non-income assessed support package in the form of a £1,000 Estranged Student Bursary and student loan £10,400.
- To be eligible for the Estranged Student Bursary, you must be under 25 at the start of your course.

Disabled Students

Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) can be used to pay for:

- electrical equipment
- software and training
- consumable items (such as printing, photocopying and paper)
- travel expenses
- Non-Medical Personal Help (NMPH), such as note takers, mental health support and BSL interpreters

Support is available for the following disabilities or impairments:

- longstanding illness or health condition
- social or communication impairment
- physical impairment or mobility issues
- mental health condition
- visual impairment
- hearing impairment
- learning difficulty

📌 Please note: The **application for DSA** is separate from your main funding application and should be completed with your Disability Advisor.

Further Information



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