



# Applying for Student Finance 2021/2022

## How to start

1. Go to: [www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login)
2. Apply now
3. Create an account

- It will take you around 10 minutes to *register*
- It will take you around a further 30 minutes to *complete* your application

### For this part you will need:

- Your National Insurance number
- Passport details (or original birth/adoption certificate)
- Bank details (of where you want your loan paid into)



## IMPORTANT!!!

When you register with Student Finance, you will be given a customer reference number (CRN) and will be asked to create a password and secret answer. You need these each time you log in.

**Make a note of them somewhere.**

## Tips

- **Don't wait to apply:** put down where you THINK will be your Firm (preferred) choice, you can always change it later on.
- Information about your parents' income may be required if you apply for means tested finance. Parents **must have an e-mail address** in order to process this.
- For further information about what you might be entitled to and how student finance works, see [www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students) or [www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance/undergraduate](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance/undergraduate)
- To estimate the amount available to you in student loans use the student finance calculator [www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator) (This is more accurate if you know your household income beforehand).

# Bursaries and Scholarships



Bursaries, scholarships and grants are all effectively **FREE MONEY!**

Scholarships are usually given by **universities, companies or industry associations** while grants and bursaries are typically provided by **charities** (and sometimes by universities too).

You will need to be **proactive** in searching for these opportunities as they're not necessarily advertised.

Your chosen university should always be the first place to look, but **don't stop there**. Universities will only have information about their own offers on their websites, so make sure to look elsewhere too!

## Examples of university scholarships and bursaries

- Aston University – *Vice-Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship*
  - £500 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year for students that achieve BBB or above in their A-Levels to be used toward tuition fees, or living costs.
- Birmingham City University – *Meet or Beat Scholarship*
  - Eligible for anyone who receives an offer but then meets, or gets higher than the entry requirements, you could be eligible for £1000 scholarship.
- University of Birmingham – *Chamberlain Award*
  - Up to £2000 per year available for students whose annual household income is less than £25,000, or below £60,000 if living in a low progression neighbourhood.
- Liverpool John Moores University – *Community Excellence Scholarship*
  - £1000 per year of study, awarded to those who can demonstrate a level of commitment to their local area or national community.

There is no comprehensive list of scholarships/grants so you will need to search, however these websites are useful starting places:

[www.thescholarshipub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshipub.org.uk)

[www.ucas.com/finance/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries](http://www.ucas.com/finance/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries)