

How to apply for Student Finance - 2020

How you apply depends on whether you have studied before and your nationality.

New students from England

Most full-time and part-time students can apply online to Student Finance England.

1. Set up a student finance online account on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>
2. Log in and complete the online application.
3. Include your household income if needed. Your parent or partner will be asked to confirm these details.

Household income

You must provide your household income if you apply for any of the following (further information surrounding the below are available on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance>):

- full Maintenance Loan
- Maintenance Grant
- Special Support Grant
- Childcare Grant
- Adult Dependants' Grant
- Parents' Learning Allowance

You will need to provide your household income for tax year:

- 2017 to 2018 if you're applying for the 2019 to 2020 academic year
- 2016 to 2017 if you're applying for the 2018 to 2019 academic year

After you apply, Student Finance England will ask the people in your household to confirm their income. They might need to provide evidence.

What counts as household income?

Your household income includes any of the following that apply:

- your parents' income, if you're under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially
- the combined income of one of your parents and their partner, if you're under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially
- your partner's income, if you're over 25 and live with them (even if they spend most of their time abroad)
- income you get from your own savings, investments or property, for example dividends or rent

4. Send in proof of identity, if needed.

Proof of identity

Students from England

Include your valid UK passport details in your application the first time you apply. Do not send the passport itself. If you do not have a UK passport (or it has expired), send your original birth or adoption certificate using the certificate form.

If you cannot apply online, use the form finder to get the forms you need. You can call Student Finance England if you want to apply online but you cannot use a computer without help.