

Undergraduate Tuition Fee Grants - Regulations

Background

The scheme derives from the intention of the Trust Founder, Andrew Carnegie, “to render attendance at the Universities of Scotland and the enjoyment of their advantages more available to the deserving and qualified youth of Scotland to whom the payment of fees might act as a barrier”. The scheme aims to support students who do not receive government funding towards the costs of their studies and is not intended as a substitute to funding from SAAS, Student Finance England, Northern Ireland or Wales. Applicants must demonstrate that their financial circumstances will hinder access to their chosen course of study when making a request for funding to the Carnegie Trust. To be considered for support, the eligibility criteria listed below must be met.

Criteria for support

A. Course eligibility

1. Application can be made **only** in respect of study at one of the following **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Scotland**: University of Aberdeen, Abertay University, University of Dundee, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier University, University of Glasgow, The Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow Caledonian University, Heriot-Watt University, University of the Highlands and Islands, Queen Margaret University, Robert Gordon University, The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, University of St Andrews, University of Stirling, University of Strathclyde and University of the West of Scotland. Students enrolled on a course validated by one of these institutions but delivered at a different institution located in Scotland (for example Scotland’s Rural College or FE Colleges) are also eligible for support.
2. No restriction is placed on the subject or mode of study, and students can be enrolled on, or hold an unconditional offer to study for, a **full-time, part-time, or distance learning undergraduate degree courses** offered by one of the above listed Scottish institutions.
3. In all cases, courses of study acceptable for Trust support must be directly connected with the acquisition of a **first** degree from an eligible HEI. Access courses, postgraduate qualifications, and sub-degree qualifications cannot be supported.

B. Applicant eligibility

4. Applicants must **have had at least two full years of secondary education at a secondary school in Scotland, OR, on the basis of factors such as residency, education or upbringing, be judged by the Trustees to have a substantial connection with Scotland**. (Applicants wishing to be considered on the latter basis should contact the Trust in the first instance.)
5. Applicants must **not be eligible** for support towards the cost of fees from either the Student Awards Agency for Scotland, Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales or Student Finance Northern Ireland. Part-time students, who **only** receive tuition fee support from SAAS and are **not eligible** for any grants, bursaries or loans from SAAS or for a university scheme, may apply if the amount awarded by SAAS is less than the total amount of fees payable.
6. At the time of applying applicants must **reside in Scotland** and continue to do so during the period of the course studied.
7. Applicants must be entitled to remain indefinitely in the UK, **OR**, if an immigrant with Limited Leave to Remain, hold a visa that is valid for the entire duration of the course; **OR** be an asylum seeker.
8. Applicants must normally have passed the examinations relating to the previous stage of their curriculum before being eligible for tuition fee assistance.
9. Applicants must, not have already graduated with a degree. (Exceptionally, applications from students who already possess a university degree level qualification may be considered at the discretion of the Trust. If you have graduated previously, please contact the Trust to check your eligibility.)

C. Type and level of award made

10. Applications must be made only in respect of **undergraduate tuition fees** and requests for maintenance costs cannot

be considered.

11. Applications will be subject to a **financial means test** (indicative thresholds for support can be found in the Annex below).
12. Successful applicants may receive **either** the full fees for the relevant year of study **or** such part thereof as may appear appropriate to the Trust, having regard to all the circumstances disclosed in the application.
13. All awards provided by the Trust are in the form of grants, paid directly to the recipient's university.

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Annex: Indicative Thresholds for Support

Household	Dependents	Indicative Income Thresholds
Single person household	No children	£25,000
	1 child	£30,000
	2 children	£35,000
	3 children	£40,000
	Per additional child	£5,000 per additional child
Couple	No children	£30,000
	1 child	£35,000
	2 children	£40,000
	3 children	£45,000
	Per additional child	£5,000 per additional child

Applications are considered on a case by case basis. When considering an application and determining the level of award for successful applications, the Trust will take into account, in addition to income, other extenuating circumstances such as long term illness of the main earner, disabilities, being in local authority care, coming from a single parent family, redundancy, etc. The Trust may require evidence supporting these extenuating circumstances.