Undergraduate Tuition Fee Grants - Regulations

Background

The scheme derives from the intention of the Trust’s 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 tuition fees and is not intended as a substitute to public grants or loans. 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.

2. Students enrolled on a course validated by one of the above institutions but delivered at a different institution located in Scotland (for example Scotland’s Rural College or FE Colleges) are also eligible for support.

3. 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.

4. 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. See Section C for information on funding for a 2nd undergraduate degree.

B. Applicant eligibility

5. At the time of applying, applicants must have:
   a. at least two full years of secondary education in Scotland
   OR
   b. a substantial connection with Scotland on the basis of factors such as residency, education (excluding university level education), family or working life, be judged by the Trustees to have.

Applicants wishing to be considered on the latter basis should contact the Trust in the first instance.

6. Applicants must not be eligible for support towards the cost of fees from the Student Awards Agency for Scotland, or any other public body such as Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales or Student Finance Northern Ireland, US Federal Loans or Canadian Loans etc.

7. Part-time students, who only receive tuition fee support from SAAS and are not eligible for any grants, bursaries or loans from SAAS, their employer or for a university scheme, may apply if the amount awarded by SAAS is less than the total amount of fees payable.

8. At the time of applying applicants must reside in Scotland and continue to do so during the period of their course.

9. The scheme is open to students who are not UK nationals. In such cases, applicants must either:
   a. be entitled to remain indefinitely in the UK, OR
   b. if an immigrant with Limited Leave to Remain, hold a visa that is valid for the entire duration of the course; OR
   c. be an asylum seeker.
10. Applicants must normally have passed the examinations relating to the previous stage of their curriculum before being eligible for tuition fee assistance.

**C. Funding for a 2nd degree**

11. The Trust will consider applications from students who meet the general eligibility criteria of the undergraduate tuition fee grant scheme AND also meet ALL the following criteria:
   a. They completed their first degree at least two years before the start of their new course;
   b. They will enter the first year of their course in academic year 2022-23;
   c. They have been unable to gain employment in the subject area of their previous degree, are unemployed, have been made redundant or are facing redundancy;
   d. They wish to reskill in a different field of study, unrelated to their previous qualifications (whether at undergraduate, postgraduate or vocational level) and recognised as being in a skills shortage area for the Scottish economy. Eligible undergraduate degree courses are (listed by subject area):
      i. **Medicine and health**: medicine; dentistry; nursing; midwifery; medical and diagnostic radiography; paramedic science; speech and language therapy; occupational therapy; psychology (BSc); veterinary science
      ii. **Social work**
      iii. **IT & Computing**: software development and engineering; web design, cyber security; big data analysis
      iv. **Engineering and architecture**: civil, mechanical and electrical engineering; chemical and production engineering; building engineering, quantity surveying and architecture
      v. **Quantitative sciences**: economics, actuarial science, statistics
      vi. **Geosciences**: geology; geochemistry; geophysics; hydrology
      vii. **Biosciences**: biology; biochemistry
      viii. **Cultural and creative studies**: performing arts; arts, culture and heritage studies, specifically management and enterprise studies in the heritage, creative and performing art sectors

12. In considering applications, the Trust will take into account, in addition to evidence of eligibility, the following:
   a. previous qualifications (whether vocational, undergraduate or postgraduate)
   b. length of time since previous qualification was obtained
   c. current circumstances of the individual and motivations for returning to university in academic year 2022-23.

**D. Type and level of award made**

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

14. Applications will be subject to a **financial means test** (indicative thresholds for support can be found in the Annex below).

15. 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.

16. 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

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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.