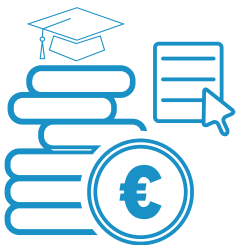


FOCUS ON YOUR STUDIES, NOT YOUR FINANCIAL WORRIES

See www.studentfinance.ie for more information

WHAT IS THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND?

The **Student Assistance Fund** provides financial support to **full- or part-time** students who are experiencing financial difficulties while attending higher education (NFQ level 6-10).



WHAT CAN I USE IT FOR?

The **Student Assistance Fund** is available to help with costs such as

BOOKS &
CLASS
MATERIALS

RENT &
OTHER
UTILITY
BILLS

FOOD

ESSENTIAL
TRAVEL

CHILDCARE
COSTS

MEDICAL
COSTS

Part-time students who are lone parents are encouraged to apply as additional funding has been made available to support this group.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact the Access or Student Services Office in your higher education institution for more information on how to apply for the **Student Assistance Fund** if you are in financial difficulty.

The Student Assistance Fund is managed by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS). The application process is managed by higher education institutions (HEIs). Please contact your HEI for any queries on the application process.



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If you are in financial difficulty, you should contact the access or student services office in your HEI for more information on how to apply for the Student Assistance Fund. It is important to apply as soon as you can. Some HEIs have a closing date for applications and you should check when this is.

WHAT DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED TO APPLY?

Your HEI will advise you on the documentation needed to support your application to the Student Assistance Fund. This may include proof of your own or your parents' income, as appropriate, and receipts for costs such as rent, bills or childcare.

IS IT CONFIDENTIAL?

The Student Assistance Fund is administered on a strictly confidential basis by your HEI. Any information you provide as part of your application is protected under the data protection regulations of your HEI.

HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

Your individual circumstances and financial means will be taken into consideration by your HEI when assessing your application to the Student Assistance Fund. Final decisions on awards may be taken by a small committee, including the access officer and student welfare officer.

WHAT ARE THE FUNDING AMOUNTS?

Funding amounts vary and will be determined by your HEI following an assessment process.