

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I know if I am eligible to receive a Scotland Scholarship?**

The scholarship is available to full-time undergraduate students who usually, at the time of application, live in Scotland. You should satisfy the eligibility criteria to receive a guaranteed offer of University accommodation. You should be in receipt of a YSB, ISB or CESB.

## **How do I know if I am eligible to receive an enhanced Scotland Scholarship?**

In addition to being Scotland domiciled, being eligible to receive a guaranteed offer of University accommodation, and being in receipt of a Young Students' Bursary or an Independent Students' Bursary, you will be resident in an SIMD 20 postcode and your family income will have been confirmed by the Scottish Government as being in the lowest income band. Alternatively, you will be in receipt of a Care Experienced Student Bursary. You should be commencing your undergraduate degree from the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 academic session.

## **How do I apply for a scholarship?**

You do not need to apply for a Scotland Scholarship. In order to be automatically assessed for a Scotland Scholarship you must apply to be financially assessed by the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS), when you make your application you must opt for income assessed funding.

## **When will I receive written confirmation of my scholarship?**

An award notification, confirming the level of your Scotland Scholarship, will be issued as soon as we receive confirmation from SAAS that you have been awarded a YSB, ISB or CESB award.

## **When and how will my scholarship be paid?**

Awards are paid in one or two instalments depending on the level of the award, the first payment will be made by 31 October and the second payment (if applicable) will be made by 31 January. If you are in University Accommodation the award will be paid directly to Accommodation Services. If you are in private accommodation, or living at home, we will pay the award in to your bank account, in order to do this we will contact you by email asking you to provide your bank details to the finance team.

## **I am spending a year abroad. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

Yes, if you are spending a year abroad as part of your studies, you will be eligible for a scholarship providing that you meet all the other eligibility criteria.

## **I am going to be undertaking a second undergraduate degree. Am I eligible for a scholarship?**

No. Second first degree students are not eligible for a Scotland scholarship.

**If I have to repeat a year of study, will I be eligible to receive the scholarship?**

If you are repeating a full year of study and SAAS award you a YSB, ISB or CESB then you will be eligible for a scholarship providing that you meet all the other eligibility criteria.

**I am a continuing enrolled student - am I eligible for a scholarship?**

Yes, provided you meet the eligibility conditions.

**I am going to be studying on the one year Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) programme. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

While you will be eligible to apply to SAAS for student finance support, you will not be eligible for the Scotland Scholarship as the PGDE is a postgraduate diploma qualification. The Scotland Scholarship is only available to eligible undergraduate programmes.

**I plan to live at home with my parents during my studies. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

Yes. Students living at home are eligible for this award provided they meet the other criteria.

**I plan to live in private accommodation during my studies. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

Yes. Students living in private accommodation are eligible for this award provided they meet the other criteria.

**SAAS re-assessed me in April and subsequently awarded me a bursary. Can I also get the Scotland Scholarship?**

Students who are awarded a YSB or ISB after 31 March 2020 cannot receive a Scotland Scholarship for that academic session. However, assuming their circumstances remain the same and they meet all other eligibility criteria, they would be eligible to receive a Scotland Scholarship in the following academic session.