

# 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 **universities in Scotland**: Aberdeen, Abertay Dundee, Dundee, Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier, Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian, Heriot-Watt, Highlands and Islands, Queen Margaret, Robert Gordon, St Andrews, Stirling, Strathclyde and West of Scotland. Students enrolled on a course validated by one of these universities but delivered at a different institution located in Scotland are also eligible for support.
2. No restriction is placed on the subject or mode of study, and students can be enrolled on any **full-time, part-time or distance learning undergraduate degree courses** offered by one of the Scottish universities listed above.
3. In all cases, courses of study acceptable for Trust support must be directly connected with the acquisition of a **first** degree from a Scottish university. Access courses and those for second first degrees, postgraduate qualifications, and sub-degree qualifications cannot be supported.

### B. Applicant eligibility

4. Applicants must be of **Scottish birth or descent** (at least one parent born in Scotland), or must have had at least **two years' education at a secondary school** in Scotland.
5. In addition, 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. Applicants must **reside in Scotland** during the period of the course studied.
7. Applicants must normally have passed the examinations relating to the previous stage of their curriculum before being eligible for support.

### C. Type and level of award made

8. Applications must be made only in respect of **university fees** and requests for maintenance costs cannot be considered.
9. Applications will be subject to a **financial means test**. Indicative thresholds for support can be found in the Annex below.
10. 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.
11. All awards provided by the Trust are in the form of grants, paid directly to the university attended.

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## Annex: Indicative Thresholds for Support

| Household                      | Dependents           | Indicative Income Thresholds |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Single person household</b> | No children          | 25K                          |
|                                | 1 child              | 30K                          |
|                                | 2 children           | 35K                          |
|                                | 3 children           | 40K                          |
|                                | Per additional child | 5K per additional child      |
| <b>Couple</b>                  | No children          | 30K                          |
|                                | 1 child              | 35K                          |
|                                | 2 children           | 40K                          |
|                                | 3 children           | 45K                          |
|                                | Per additional child | 5K per additional child      |

Applications are considered on a case by case basis. When considering an application and deciding on 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.