

Planning on going to University next year and want to find out if you are eligible for additional monetary support?

If you're planning to go to university next year, you'll no doubt have already done your research into **Student Finance** and **tuition and maintenance loans**. However, many of you may *not* be aware of the wide variety of **grants, scholarships, bursaries** and **other sources of monetary support** that you may be eligible for.

So where do you go to find out more?

There is actually a wide number of organisations and charities out there that can help you! Below is a brief summary of some of the websites you can visit to find out more. Quite simply, it's a case of doing a little research, checking your eligibility against their criteria, perhaps filling in a few forms – and you may well find yourself a whole lot better off as you embark on university life!



Money Saving Expert

Get cash to help with your education and information from the "Money Saving Expert" website

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/grants-education#full>

Students moving onto higher education can get Government grants to help with the cost of studying. Eligibility can depend on a student's household income, location, or background

Universities who charge over the basic fee level of £6,000 must provide bursaries for those from low-income backgrounds.

Unlike a maintenance loan or tuition fees, you don't have to pay back bursaries or maintenance grants, so double-check to see if you're entitled to anything.

Hidden scholarship and funding

If you're going to uni, there are loads of hidden pots of cash available. They're often less about academic ability and more about factors such as religion, where you live or what your parents do for a living.

Educational Grants Service

This service offers students, especially disadvantaged ones, guidance and advice to help them secure funding for education and training. You can search its database of over 30 educational trusts.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/educational-grants/>



Turn2us

This helps people in financial need gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help – online, by phone and face to face

Grants Search Database http://www.turn2us.org.uk/grants_search.aspx

Scholarships and bursaries

There are nifty search tools on the Scholarship Search and Studentcashpoint websites - you'll be surprised at what's available. Some are very specific and are aimed at students from various backgrounds.

Study in Europe

If you want to study abroad for a year at one of 33 participating European universities, grants are available from the British Council as part of the Erasmus scheme.

Get tips on Tuition Fee Charges

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes>

**Lastly, remember the old saying, if you don't ask, you don't get!
GOOD LUCK!**