

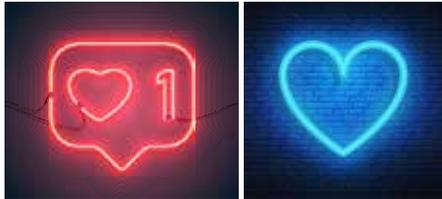
Student Awards Agency Scotland
www.saas.gov.uk

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If you're estranged from your parents, it means:

- you're not in contact with them
- there's been a permanent breakdown in your relationship, and there is no sign of this being resolved in the future, and
- you have no experience of being in care

If we consider you estranged from your parents, we do not take into account their income when working out how much student funding you are eligible for.

SAAS Funding – Estranged Students

The Student Awards Agency Scotland is here to help you to find the right information, support and funding

Funding Available

Independent Student Support

If you're estranged from your parents we will not take their income into account and you'll receive support as an independent student.

This usually means that you'll be eligible for the maximum Independent Student Bursary (ISB) and student loan for living costs. This is a £1,000 bursary and a £6,750 student loan for living costs.

Tuition Fees

We will pay your fees directly to your college or university. Fees paid are also non-repayable if you study in Scotland, but you must remember to apply every year. If you're studying elsewhere in the UK you can apply to us for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,250.



Other Available Funding

If you have a disability or additional learning need(s), you may qualify for Disabled Students' Allowance. This is usually a non-repayable grant. Further information can be found on the SAAS website.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, you must meet our residence conditions and be on a course we fund. Visit www.saas.gov.uk for more information.

How to Apply

You should let us know that you're estranged from your parents when applying for support.

We'll then send you a form to complete which asks you to confirm you're estranged from your parents.

You must also have this form endorsed by a professional person who knows your circumstances, such as:

- teacher, including nursery teachers
- doctor
- counsellor
- college or university student advisor
- nurse
- lawyer/solicitor
- police officer
- family mediation worker
- social worker
- notary public
- minister of religion



You can apply to us at www.saas.gov.uk from **April**, as soon as you know the course you want to study. Do not wait for exam results. If you don't get on the course you want, you can easily change or cancel your application online through your SAAS Account.

You must submit your completed application at www.saas.gov.uk and send any supporting evidence via our SAAS document uploader.

Remember to apply as early as possible and before **30 June**. This ensures your funding is in place for the start of your course (give yourself enough time to gather all your supporting evidence).

Once your application has been approved, you'll receive an Award Notice on your SAAS Account which will confirm your funding and show your bursary payment schedule.

What you need to apply

- your current email address
- your SAAS reference number if you have applied before
- your National Insurance number
- your bank sort code and account number
- your college/university and course details

Sources of advice for estranged students

You may be able to receive additional funding from your college or university; this could be in the form of bursaries or discretionary funds. Contact your college or university support teams for more information.

You can get extra support and guidance from:

- National Union of Students Scotland, the national representative body of around 500,000 students studying in further and higher education in Scotland
- Stand Alone charity provides advice to estranged students, including around obtaining evidence for your funding application, accommodation options while studying and key contacts in higher education institutions
- Breathing Space, a confidential helpline for people to call when they are feeling down or distressed
- Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), works to support people who experience mental health problems, homelessness, addictions and other forms of social exclusion

Products are available in community languages and alternative formats.