

How much do *you* know about bursaries?

Don't miss out –
make sure you're
clued up on bursaries!

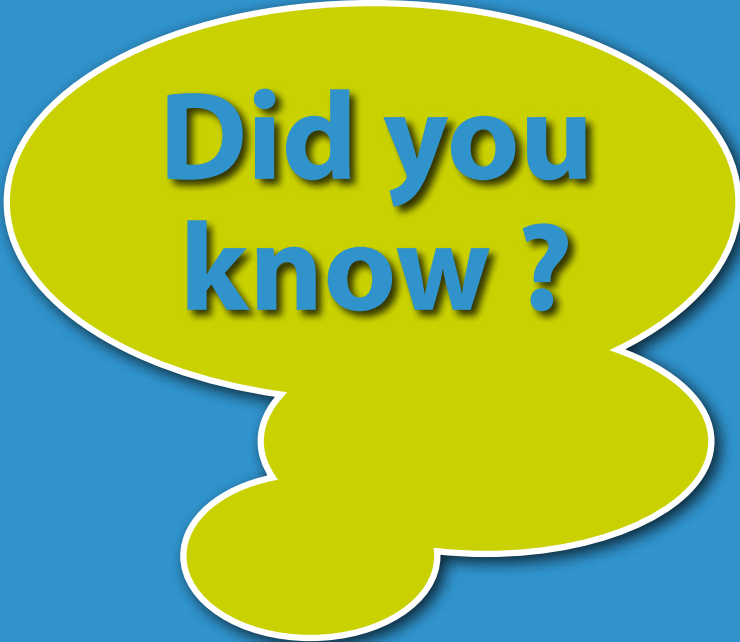
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Key bursary facts

- Bursaries are free – you don't have to pay them back
- Paid annually - by universities, not the government
- Don't affect your eligibility for state support such as maintenance grants and loans
- Varying amounts – some universities give you more than £3,000 a year
- Paid on top of any academic/sporting/musical scholarships you are offered



Did you know ?

Who can get a bursary?

- Up to individual universities to set their own criteria

But

- All universities must give you at least the 'minimum bursary' if you're entitled to a full state maintenance grant (you'll get this if your parents earn less than £25,000 between them)
- Many universities give bursaries to students entitled to a partial state maintenance grant (you'll get this if your parents earn up to £50,000 between them)
- Some universities give a bursary to everyone

Action

Check whether you are eligible for a bursary and/or scholarship at the universities you're interested in.



How much are bursaries worth?

- Bursaries differ from one university to another
- **But** all universities have to give lowest income students (those entitled to full state maintenance grant) the 'minimum bursary' - £338 a year
- Most universities give lowest income students much more than this. Some give more than £3,000 a year
- In 2010-11, the average bursary for a student receiving the full maintenance grant was around £900 a year
- The most selective universities – universities that ask for higher grades - tend to offer bigger bursaries. In 2010-11, they offered average bursaries of £1,573 a year to lowest income students

How do you apply for a bursary?

- You don't have to apply separately at most universities
- All you have to do is 'agree to share your personal and financial information with your university' when you apply for government loans and grants
- Your bursary will be paid straight into your bank account
- **But** some universities do require you to apply separately. They should explain the process in your welcome pack and other literature



Action

Find out how to apply for a bursary at your chosen universities
– look at the student finance pages on their websites

How do you apply for a scholarship?

- The process varies depending on the university and scholarship
- Some scholarships are awarded automatically (e.g. scholarships for students with high A level grades)
- **But** many scholarships are discretionary and require you to fill in an application form (e.g. where there is competition for a fixed number of scholarships)
- Check out whether you may be eligible for a scholarship in plenty of time
- The deadlines for applying may be early



What now?

- Start finding out about bursaries and scholarships well **before** you fill in your UCAS form
- This will help you make informed choices about where to apply - and which offers to accept
- For general bursary information, see www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance or www.offa.org.uk/students
- For details of bursaries and scholarships at a particular university, see the student finance pages on their website

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in this presentation relates to England only. Different rules may apply if you normally live outside England or if you're doing your course outside England. All figures apply to the academic year 2011-12 unless otherwise stated.