

Special Support Grant Application Form - 2025/26

Full Name

Customer Reference Number

Instructions

To apply for Special Support Grant tick the box(es) that are relevant to you and return this form to your local Student Finance NI (SFNI) office. You can find their address at www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

You'll need to send supporting evidence with this form. Check the table overleaf to find out what evidence you'll need to send.

I am a lone parent (or a lone foster parent) of a child, or young person aged under 20 who is in full-time education below higher education level.

I have a partner who is also a student, and one or both of us is responsible for a child or young person under 20 who is in full-time education below higher education level.

I have a disability and qualify for the Disability Premium or Severe Disability Premium.

I am deaf and qualify for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

I have a disability and qualify for income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

I have been treated as incapable of work for a continuous period of at least 28 weeks.

I am waiting to return to the same course within the same academic year having taken agreed time out from that course due to an illness or caring responsibility that has now ended (this does not mean that you will be paid for time you were not on your course).

I am aged 60 or older.

I am eligible for Housing Benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit whilst I'm studying

I am entitled to Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP).

I am entitled to Disability Living Allowance.

I am entitled to Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Tell us below what evidence you're sending:

Your signature

Today's date

Day Month Year
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Special Support Grant category	Evidence item(s) you need to send
You are a lone parent (or a lone foster parent) of a child, or young person aged under 20 who is in full-time education below higher education level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of your child's/children's birth certificate or a letter confirming foster care, and • Most recent Child Benefit letter, Tax Credit Award Notice or Universal Credit Award Notice.
You have a partner who is also a student, and one or both of you has care of a child or young person under 20 who is in full-time education below higher education level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of your child's/children's original birth certificate, and • Most recent Child Benefit letter, Tax Credit Award Notice or Universal Credit Award Notice, and • A letter confirming your partner is a student if they have not applied for student finance.
You have a disability and qualify for the Disability Premium or Severe Disability Premium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence to show you qualify for Disability Premium or Severe Disability Premium, or • Evidence to show you qualify for one of the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Living Allowance Disabled Person's Tax Credit Attendance Allowance Constant Attendance Allowance War Pensioners Mobility Supplement Severe Disablement Allowance Incapacity Benefit
You are deaf and qualify for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical evidence of your disability, if you have not applied for DSA.
You have a disability and qualify for income-related Employment and Support Allowance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Jobcentre Plus to confirm you are eligible for Employment Support Allowance (ESA) due to a disability, or • ESA entitlement letter and proof of your disability, for example a letter from your doctor.
You have been treated as incapable of work for a continuous period of at least 28 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Jobcentre Plus confirming you receive long term incapacity benefits, or • Letter from your doctor confirming you are incapable of work.
You are waiting to go back to a course after illness or caring responsibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from university or college to confirm suspension from your course was authorised, and • Evidence of illness or need to care for another individual.
You're aged 60 or over.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You don't need to send any more evidence. Any information or evidence you've already provided to confirm your identity will prove you're aged 60 or over.
You are entitled to Housing Benefit or Universal Credit whilst you're studying.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to show you are receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit.
You are entitled to an Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence from the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) or DWP to confirm you are entitled to this payment.
You are entitled to Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or You are entitled to a Personal Independence Payment (PIP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to confirm you are entitled to this payment.