

Funding information for families of the UK Armed Forces



Residence Eligibility for Student Finance

Usually students applying for Student Finance need to be **ordinarily and lawfully resident** in the UK for the three years prior to your course start date. This can be difficult to achieve if you have been living with a family member serving abroad in the UK Armed Forces.

If you find that you were away from the UK during all or part of the three-year period because you or a specified family member were serving abroad as a member of the UK Armed Forces (British Army, Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force), this may be treated as a temporary absence and will not prevent you from being eligible for support towards your fees or course costs.

Distance Learning Funding

You may be eligible for funding through Student Finance England for distance learning courses if you are:

- a spouse or civil partner living with a member of the UK Armed Forces serving overseas
- a child, step-child or adoptive child living with a member of the UK Armed Forces serving overseas
- a dependent parent living with either a child who is a member of the UK Armed Forces serving overseas or the child's spouse or civil partner who is a member of the UK Armed Forces serving overseas

From 1 August 2018 students studying a distance learning course will also be able to get a tuition fee loan if you are:

- a member of the UK Armed Forces who usually lives in England but is serving Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland
- a relative living with a member of the UK Armed Forces serving in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland

School Children's Visits

Children of UK Armed Forces undertaking their first degree may be eligible for three return journeys to visit their family throughout each academic year.

Details can be found in the [MOD JSP 752 Tri-Service Regulations for Expenses and Allowances](#)

Bereavement Scholarship Scheme

Tuition fee and maintenance scholarships for children whose parent died while in service
www.gov.uk/support-military-bereaved-children

You may apply if all of the following are true:

- one of your parents died as a result of their service in the armed forces
- your parent died on or after 1 January 1990
- you're 16 or over and in full-time education
- you or a surviving parent receive bereavement benefits from the Armed Forces Compensation scheme, War Pension scheme or Armed Forces Attributable Benefits scheme

York Bursary 2019/20

Residual household income	Year 1	Subsequent years*
£0 to £25,000	£2,000	£1,100
£25,001 to £35,000	£2,000	£1,000

*Students on a study year abroad or placement year pay a reduced fee and no bursary is payable during these years.

Useful Online Resources

Applying for Student Finance
www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance

Service Children's Progression Alliance
www.scipalliance.org/

Student Support and Advice at York

W: www.york.ac.uk/students/support/student-hub/

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