

The Essex Santander Access Bursary 2021-22

If you are a student from one of our Schools Membership Plus Partner Schools or colleges, or have taken part in the Aspire Higher project, you could be eligible to apply for an Essex Santander Access Bursary to support you in progressing into higher education

The University, in partnership with Santander, is offering 30 bursaries of £1,250 each paid in your first year of study only.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Attend a Schools Membership Plus partner school or college and finish your course in 2021 (eligible schools/colleges can be found in Appendix A). Or have taken part in the Aspire Higher project.
- Have chosen Essex as your firm choice by 17 September 2021.
- Register for your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree course at the University of Essex in 2021-22 starting in October 2021.
- Have a household income of less than £20,000 – this will be assessed via your application to the Student Loans Company.
- Have submitted a means tested application to student finance.
- For the purposes of assessing your eligibility for the bursary, you and your sponsor (parents) must have provided consent to student finance for the University to have access to your household income details.
- Submitted an application for the bursary no later than Friday 17 September 2021.

The following students are not eligible for this award regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- Students on Higher/Degree Apprenticeship courses.
- Students with direct entry into the second year.
- Students studying online distance learning courses.

2. How do I apply?

Applicants should complete The Essex Santander Access Bursary application form found on the bursary webpage. This should be submitted no later than 17 September 2021.

3. Selection Process

Where more applications are received than awards available, applications will be considered by a panel using the following criteria.

- Applications with the lowest household income will be prioritised.
- Where there are applicants with similar levels of income and a limited number of bursaries, the personal statement will be considered as part of the application process.

4. When will I be notified of the award?

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of September 2021. Successful students will be invited to meet with a representative of Santander Universities to discuss other support opportunities available.

5. How will I be paid?

The one year bursary award is worth £1,250 for the first year of study only. Payment will be made in two instalments, one in November and one in February. Students must be

registered for full-time study in order to receive payment (see bursary suspension below). Please note that if our records show that you are in debt to the University when an award payment is due to be made, the payment will be offset against your student account in the first instance and you will be entitled to receive any balance.

6. Am I eligible for other University financial support?

This bursary may be held in conjunction with other University awards.

7. Bursary suspension

The bursary will be suspended during a period of approved leave of absence (intermission) where this period covers a whole or part of an academic year, and may be reinstated on your return to full-time study subject to the conditions above. On your return to study you will be entitled to the balance of the bursary for the stage. There will be no payment for repeat periods of study in any circumstances.

8. Scholarship termination

If you withdraw from your studies, or are required to withdraw, no further payments will be made. Your bursary will be terminated if you cease to be registered as a student with the University, or for good cause at the discretion of the Dean of the student's Faculty, or his/her nominee for this purpose.

9. Dispute resolution

Acceptance of the bursary constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the [Funding Team](#) in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. In cases not covered by the above terms and conditions, or where a student claims exceptional circumstances, or disputes a decision not to make payments due under a scholarship or bursary, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the [Student Complaints process](#). The Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

NOTE: *These terms and conditions apply to students awarded 'The Essex Santander Access Bursary' for the academic year 2021-22. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*

Appendix A

Attleborough Academy Norfolk
The Basildon Upper Academy
Brentwood County High School
Cecil Jones Academy
Chase High School
Chelmsford College
Christ The King Sixth Form College
City and Islington College
City College Norwich
Clacton Coastal Academy
Clacton County High School
Colchester County High School For Girls
The Colne Community School and College
Harwich and Dovercourt High School
Harlow College
Havering Sixth Form College
Hedingham School and Sixth Form
Hylands School
Jo Richardson Community School
King Edmund School
Maltings Academy
Northgate High School
Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
Palmers College
Plume Academy
Robert Clack School
Royal Hospital School
SEEVIC College
Shoeburyness High School
St Angelas Ursuline Sixth Form Centre
St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
St Francis Xavier VI Form College
Stanford & Corringham Sixth Form Centre
Suffolk One Academy
Tendring Technology College
The FitzWimarc School
The Philip Morant School and College
The Sixth Form College Colchester
Thomas Gainsborough School
Thurstable School

Schools Membership Plus Partner School/Colleges