**Student Support Fund Awards**

**24/25 Application Form**

Please read before completing the application.

***What are Student Support Fund Awards?***

The Student Support Fund provides non-repayable discretionary awards to assist students in financial difficulty, who might otherwise be at risk of leaving their courses because of financial hardship. The Fund may be available to provide help for students who are struggling with their living costs or to those students who have a sudden financial emergency (for example a burglary). The Fund can be used for course-related costs such as child-care, books/equipment, travel, or general living costs such as rent. If you qualify for a payment from the Fund, it will not usually have to be repaid. The Fund cannot be used to assist with tuition fee payments. The Fund is designed to support students whose reasonable expenses exceed their income. However, please note there is no automatic entitlement to an award.

***Who can apply?***

UK undergraduate and postgraduate students are eligible to apply. Overseas and EU students can apply to the Student Support Fund, but please be aware that support is limited and would only be offered in exceptional circumstances. The Fund is *not* applicable for students on continuing professional development courses or courses that study less than 25% credits of a full-time course.

You must have applied and been fully assessed for your student funding BEFORE applying to the Student Support Fund. If you are yet to receive your student funding, you should contact a member of the Money Advice Team for further advice.

Self-funding students should have made realistic provision at the start of the course to fund both their tuition fees and living costs. Where students have clearly not done so, a payment from the Fund may not be appropriate.

Applicants can apply to the Fund **once** in an academic year. If exceptional additional circumstances occur during the year the team will consider one further application or re-assessment.

Students must be attending/actively engaged with their course of study.

***How will you assess my application?***

The Support Fund will look at your household\* income and that of any partner/spouse and will then compare this to the expected reasonable expenditure. If there is a deficit between these figures, we can pay a percentage of this to a maximum of £4,000. This is known as a *Standard Award*. If you are on a part time course and eligible for an award, it will be pro rata, according to the intensity of your course **The application process requires you to submit financial evidence, examples of required evidence are stated under each section of the form in red text**. We reserve the right to request reasonable, additional evidence (such as evidence for single or coupled status and additional bank accounts etc.) to assist in the completion of the assessment.

It is expected that students will also be able to supplement their income from a variety of routes, for example, part-time work, vacation work, student bank overdrafts at 0% charges, savings, or additional parental support where appropriate. The standard assessment includes an ‘assumed income’ figure to cover these additional elements of income rather than considering the actual amounts a student may receive. However, any amount over the relevant ‘assumed income’ will be counted in full. We will include a Minimum Required Provision (MRP) income figure in the assessment for self-funding students, to be indicative that the student has made realistic provision before the start of their course.

*\***Students with a reduced maintenance loan, who find themselves in financial hardship because their parents experience a significant drop in their income (of 15% or more for Student Finance England) and are no longer able to make the expected household contribution towards the student’s living costs, should contact their relevant Student Funding Body for a 24/25 Current Year Income Assessment.*

If you are facing an unforeseeable financial emergency (e.g. unexpected/essential house move or other emergency situations) we may be able to contribute towards some of these costs, however, please be advised this does not include home improvements. This is known as a *Non-Standard Award*.

Please note, that in some circumstances, we may make payments in the form of shopping vouchers or payments direct to third parties on your behalf e.g., Childcare providers and landlords.

***What do you mean by reasonable expenditure?***

We use a Composite Living Cost (CLC) to cover expenditure on basic costs such as food, utility bills, clothes, home contents insurance, TV licence, mobile phone costs, entertainment and clubs & societies which ensures that all applicants are treated equally regardless of location of study and regardless of their individual lifestyle choices.

The CLC figures are fixed and are used in all standard award assessments. We also include a set amount for course-related costs, including an element for internet use.

In addition to the costs covered in the CLC, and subject to maximum caps, we are also able to include your costs for the following items of expenditure:

* Private Rent without bills included or Mortgage Payments (monthly capped amounts: £650)
* Hall Fees/ Student Halls (monthly capped at £600 in line with our most expensive Halls on campus)
* Council Tax
* Buildings Insurance & Life Insurance
* Childcare Costs
* Public-transport costs to university/placement
* Travel for any partner/spouse
* Car-related costs (to university/placement) may be included only for eligible motor vehicle users\*

*\*Eligible vehicle users: For students with disabilities, or with children, or on a course with a significant professional placement, the costs of running and maintaining a vehicle can be included as additional expenditure costs and are calculated as below:*

*Vehicle insurance + MOT + Servicing + Tax = a weekly flat rate of £25 is applied as standard. Alternatively, actual vehicle costs can be considered if receipts/loan finance documents are provided: Vehicle Insurance (capped at £135 per month), Vehicle loans (capped at £175 per month), vehicle repairs (essential repairs only). Please be aware the expenditure included is pro rata per number of weeks on the course of study. Fuel mileage is calculated at 0.22 per mile.*

***How long will it take for my application to be processed?***

Once your application is complete and all required evidence has been received, you should hear back from us by email within **four** working weeks.

If we request additional ***income evidence*** from you, you will have four working weeks to provide this. If we have not received the requested information from you, we will be unable to process your application **and your application will be closed**.

If we request additional ***expenditure evidence*** from you, you will have four working weeks to provide this. If we have not received the requested information from you, we will process your application **using the evidence you have provided**.

***Can I make an appeal?***

The request for an appeal should be made by completing a [Student Support Fund](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/studentservices/moneyadvice/student-support-fund/) appeal form within 4 weeks (28 days) of the original decision. This is an opportunity to review the original decision, to check the accuracy of the calculations and ensure that all relevant information and evidence has been considered. The appeal can also consider any subsequent evidence you wish to provide with the appeal request. You will normally receive a response within 10 working days. It is important that you explain fully why you are requesting an appeal and submit any additional supporting evidence/information with your request(s). The Money Advice team may request additional information at this stage. You should email your appeal request to [moneyadvice@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:moneyadvice@edgehill.ac.uk)

***When does the Student Support Fund open and close for my course?***

| **Course you are studying:** | **Fund opens** | **Fund closes** |
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| Medicine Students – 5th Year of study in receipt of NHS Bursary | 5th August 2024 | Academic year end date of course |
| PGCE & QTS | 16th Sept 2024 | 27th June 2025 |
| Undergraduate & Postgraduate | 14th October 2024 | 6th June 2025 |
| Nursing/Midwifery/ODP/Paramedic Practice (Except Final Year) | 14th October 2024 (\*\* or 2 weeks post academic year start date of course) | Academic year end date of course |
| Final Year Students (excluding  Nursing/Midwifery/ODP/Paramedic Practice final year)  Final Year Nursing/Midwifery/ODP/Paramedic Students | 14th October 2024  14th October 2024 (\*\*or 2 weeks post academic year start date of course) | 2nd May 2025  5 Weeks Prior to Academic Year end date |

\*\* There are several start and end dates for these programmes. If you are a Nursing/Midwifery/ODP/Paramedic student, please click [HERE a](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.edgehill.ac.uk%2Fdepartments%2Fsupport%2Fregistry%2Fterm-dates%2F&data=05%7C01%7CRimmerly%40edgehill.ac.uk%7Cb81ce6eb3e484471196308da81261ef0%7C093586914d8e491caa760a5cbd5ba734%7C0%7C0%7C637964297974891679%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=roo97DKHtcilKas%2F6t%2FL8cq8jlu4bbZ%2BrZyijMoYz%2Bo%3D&reserved=0)nd search under Faculty of Health, Social Care and Medicine to check the start and end dates for your programme **BEFORE** making an application.

**If your official course end date is not as shown above (non-standard term dates), you may apply up to the last day of your course - if you are not in your final year.**

**Any applications to the Student Support Fund outside of the dates above must be approved by the Money Advice Team Manager**

***How do I apply to the Student Support Fund?***

Please complete this application form, gather and scan or take clear pictures of and attach the supporting evidence listed below, and e-mail to: [moneyadvice@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:moneyadvice@edgehill.ac.uk)

**Please email your application and supporting evidence as 1 email to avoid multiple cases being created.**

You will be notified of the outcome within 4 weeks of receipt of all required information, as per guidance above. Our assessors will contact you if we need to discuss your application further.

If you are unable to supply the application form and required evidence as clear attachments by email, please use the secure postal service and send to:

**Money Advice Team, Student Services, Catalyst Building, Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk, L39 4UL**

# **Data Protection Statement**

Edge Hill University is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data, all personal data will be processed in accordance with current Data Protection Legislation and the University Data Protection Policy. All data you provide to us on this form will be used for the purpose of your application and will not be shared with any unauthorised third party. This data may also be used for statistical analysis and audit purpose.

# **Student Support Fund Application Edge Hill University**

## Part 1: Personal Details

| Full Name: |  | Date: |  |
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| ID Number |  | Phone: |  |

**Please tick all that apply to you:**

|  | Yes | No |
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| I am living in halls of residence |  |  |
| I am living on my own |  |  |
| I am living in a shared house |  |  |
| I am living with my parents/guardians |  |  |
| I am living with my partner/spouse |  |  |
| I am a single parent living with my child/ren |  |  |
| I have a disability/chronic medical condition |  |  |
| I am estranged – if unsure discuss with advisor |  |  |
| I am an adult carer |  |  |

## Part 2: Course details

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| Are you on a full-time course? | Yes  No | Are you on a part-time course? | Yes  No |
| Course Title: |  | Current year of course: |  | |
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| Start date of current year: |  | End date of current year: |  | |

## Part 3: Bank Details

*Please complete the boxes below with the account details for the account into which you wish any payment to be made.*

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| Sort code: |  | Account Number: |  |

*Please give details of all your Bank or Building Society accounts. Please include any savings accounts.*

| Bank Name: |  | Overdraft limit**:** |  | Current Balance: |  |
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## Part 4: Dependents

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| Do you have any children who are financially dependent on you? | YES | NO |

*If yes, please provide details:*

| Full Name: | Date of Birth: | Age of child at date of application: | Do you pay childcare for this child? |
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| **Evidence required:**   * Copies of Child(rens) Birth Certificates or Child benefit or Universal Credit /Tax Credit letter * **Please also complete Part 11, for each child and each childcare provider you wish to include costs for.** |

## Part 5: Travel

How do you usually travel to University?

*Please tick the box below:*

| Car |  | Train |  | Walk |  | Cycle |  |
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| Please enter your postcode: | | | | | | | |

| How many times a week do you usually attend the University campus? |  | How many **weeks** will you be on a placement? |  |
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|  | How many **days** will you be on placement? |  |

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| Do you return to a parental home for the holidays?  If yes, please answer the relevant question below: | Yes | | No |
| If you mainly travel by car, please provide the postcode of your parental home: | |  | |
| If you mainly travel by train, please provide the station closest to your parental home: | |  | |
| If you mainly travel by bus, please provide the cost of a return trip to your parental home: | |  | |
| If you travel by plane, please provide tickets or printout of your journey costs: | |  | |

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| **Evidence required:**   * Travel to University: If you mainly travel by public transport to and from University, please provide evidence of the cost of a return journey (receipts or screen shot), if you travel by car provide the AA route planner mileage. * Travel to parental home (for students aged under 25 and living away from home): Please provide either public transport/rail/air tickets for journey to parents’ home, or if travelling by car the AA route planner mileage. |

## Part 6: Supporting Statement

| Please state why you are applying for additional financial support. Please include any circumstances which are not covered elsewhere in this application form. Include anything that is created a financial challenge for you or anything you’re struggling to meet the cost of. **You can be as brief or as detailed as you wish. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.** |
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## Part 7: Income – please complete relevant sections.

***STUDENT FINANCE***

*Please tick and supply evidence for any of the following you receive.*

| Maintenance Loan |  | Maintenance Grant |  | Child Care Grant |  | Adult Dependants Grant |  |
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| NHS Bursary |  | Social Work Bursary |  | Teacher Training Bursary |  | NHS Training Grant |  |
| NHS Specialist Subject Payment |  | NHS LSF Regional Incentive |  | NHS LSF Parental Support |  | Child Dependence Allowance |  |
| Parent Learning Allowance |  |  | | | | | |

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| **Evidence required:**   * **Financial Notification** letter for undergraduate courses, with the page showing **your name and the** **full break down of maintenance loans and grants** from your Student Funding Body such as Student Finance England or Student Finance Wales. * If relevant**, Financial Notification** and the **tuition fee** for courses that are at postgraduate level. * NHS Learning Support Fund Evidence showing the full break down of Training Grant, Parental Support, Specialist Subject Payment, and Regional Payment where applicable. * Initial Teacher Training Bursary, or any other bursaries. |

***WELFARE BENEFITS***

*Please tick and supply evidence for any of the following you receive*

| Housing Benefit |  | Child Tax Credit |  | Working Tax Credit |  | Income  Support/Job  Seekers Allowance |  |
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| Universal Credit |  | Employment Support  Allowance |  | Council Tax Reduction |  | Other Benefits |  |

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| **Evidence required:**   * Please provide evidence of benefits you receive e.g., a copy of your Universal Credit showing the breakdown of all elements. |

***SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES***

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| Do you receive a scholarship or bursary from Edge Hill  University? | YES | NO | If yes, please provide details including annual amount payable |  |

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| Do you receive a scholarship or bursary from any other source? | YES | NO | If yes, please provide details including annual amount payable |  |

***OTHER INCOME***

*Please tick and supply evidence for any of the following you receive.*

| Child Maintenance payments |  | Parental  Contribution |  | Any other income, including a  partner’s/spouse’s  wages |  |
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| **Evidence required:**   * Please provide evidence of any payments received or paid out, for example you can supply a bank statement showing child maintenance payments made or received * A bank statement or letter showing the parental contribution you receive. * Last three wage slips for your partner/spouse showing their name and net pay. |

**Part 8: Expenditure – please complete relevant sections**

***HOUSING*** *Please tick and supply evidence:*

| Mortgage |  | Rent |  | Rent **(bills included)** |  |
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| **Evidence required:**   * Proof of your housing costs, for example: sections of your tenancy agreement showing your name, address, dates of tenancy and rental costs, or a recent mortgage statement. |

***CAR COSTS for eligible car users only. Please refer to p2 for further details regarding costs you wish to claim: flat rate or actual costs (up to stated monthly caps)***

*Please tick and supply evidence:*

| Car Loan |  | Car Running Costs |  | Car  Repairs |  |
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*If you have any payment agreements for a Car Loan, please state the start and end dates of these agreements:*

| Payment Agreement | Start Date | End Date |
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| Car Loan |  |  |

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| **Evidence required:**   * Vehicle loan agreement showing your name and **the** **purpose of the loan being for a car/ motorbike** and monthly payment. * Receipts for any essential vehicle repairs undertaken in the current academic year. |

***OTHER COSTS*** *Please tick and supply evidence:*

| Life Insurance |  | Buildings Insurance |  | Council Tax |  |
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| **Evidence required:**   * Life Insurance and buildings insurance policies * Council Tax Bill if living with an adult who is not a full time student |

*If you have any payment agreements for life or buildings insurance, please state the start and end dates of these agreements:*

| Insurance Type | Start Date | End Date | Insurance Type | Start Date | End Date |
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| Life Insurance |  |  | Buildings Insurance |  |  |

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| If you live with a spouse/partner, do they incur travel costs for their journey to work? | YES | NO | If they use a car, please provide the postcode of their place of work |  |
| If you have any children, do you pay for any School Bus Journeys | YES | NO |  |  |

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| **Evidence required:**   * Partner’s journey to work or child(rens)’ journey to school, for example tickets, screen shots or AA Route Planner mileage. |

**TUITION FEES *FOR POST GRADUATE COURSES ONLY* - Please detail the total amount of your PG course fees below:**

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| Enter amount here: |

***DEBTS*** *Please provide details of any debts that you currently have, continue on a new page if required:*

| Type of Debt | Amount owed | Reason for taking out debt | Do you have a repayment plan? | Payment plan amount | **Per week/ month/ year** | **Payment plan end date** |
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***OTHER COSTS***

*Please details here any other costs. Please note that we will automatically include a Composite Living Costs Figure for: food, utility bills, clothing, socializing, TV licence and other media packages, so there is no need for you to make a note of these here.*

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## Part 9: Bank Statements and Budgeting

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| **Evidence required:**  **Bank statements (in PDF format) showing your name and covering the last three months for ALL accounts held by you and your partner/spouse**. All debit and credit transactions over £100 MUST be briefly explained in writing on the statements or by including a list in your email.  The following costs must be circled/ clearly identified if not supplying the actual documents\*   * Life and building insurance premium costs * For eligible car users only - car finance/loan payments, Partner’s car finance/loan - either identified on their own bank statements or on a joint bank account.   ***\*****We reserve the right to request the actual documents above at a later date to assess the application or for audit purposes* |

**Budgeting is the key –** As part of the Money Advice Team’s commitment to supporting students to manage their finances, we ask you to produce a termly or yearly **personal budget spending** target to help you plan ahead for the term or next 12 months. Please feel free to use your own or select one featured on [Banking and budgeting | Money advice | Edge Hill University](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/studentservices/moneyadvice/managing-your-money/) [. W](http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/studentservices/managing-your-money/)e also have student designed and course specific Excel templates available under Blackboard > Organisations tab > search Organisation Catalogue and type in ‘Money Advice’.

## Part 10: Declaration

*I certify, that to the best of my knowledge, I meet the following conditions. Please tick relevant boxes.*

| I am a UK National/British Citizen |  |
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| Or I am an EU Student |  |
| Or I am an International Student |  |

***AND***

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| I declare that the information given on this form is current and complete to the best of my knowledge |  |

***AND***

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| I can confirm that I am fully registered and in attendance on the course described on this form |  |

*I understand that giving false information will automatically default my application and may also lead to disciplinary procedures resulting in possible expulsion from the University. I further undertake to repay any loans/grants obtained by me as a result.*

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| ***Name:*** | ***Signature:*** | ***Date:*** |

### Confidentiality

Applications are seen only by the members of The Student Support Fund Committee and Student Services staff. It may be necessary for additional supporting information to be sought from other University staff in order for the Committee to reach a decision.

### Data Protection Statement

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**Got any questions?**

If you have any questions regarding the Student Support Fund, please by email at: [moneyadvice@edgehill.ac.uk.](mailto:moneyadvice@edgehill.ac.uk.).

**Address: Money Advice Team, Student Services, Catalyst Building, Edgehill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk, L39 4UL**

## Part 11: Childcare Details

*One copy of this page is to be completed per child by the childcare provider (nursery/crèche /childminder)*

***CHILDCARE COSTS***

| Name of the childcare provider: |  | Ofsted number: |  |
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| Address: |  | Telephone: |  |

*If you are a relative, please state:*

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| Relationship: | | Where childcare takes place: |
| ***DETAILS OF CHILDCARE FOR THE CHILD*** | | |
| Name of child: |  | |

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| Do you receive any free education or childcare support through the government for this child?  If Yes, please **DO NOT** include the hours that you receive funding for below | ***YES / NO*** |

| **Day** | **Hours per day** |  |  |  |
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| Monday |  |  | Hours per week |  |
| Tuesday |  |  | Cost per hour £ |  |
| Wednesday |  |  | Weekly cost £ (hours per week x cost per hour) |  |
| Thursday |  |  | Number of weeks this cost applies |  |
| Friday |  |  |  |  |

*Please inform of any childcare exceptions to the normal weekly amount e.g., holidays, placements (Saturdays/Sundays)*

| Hours per week | Cost per week £ | Number of weeks this applies | TOTAL COST |
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*Form Completed by Childcare Provider:*

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| *Name (please print:)* | *Signature:* |