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Your child can apply for student finance as soon as the application opens. They should apply early to make sure they have their money in time for the start of their course. Here's what you and your child need to do in three easy steps.

1. Your child applies

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance. They don't need a confirmed place at university or college, they can use their preferred choice and, if necessary, change the details online later.

If your child is only applying for a Tuition Fee Loan and a basic Maintenance Loan (the bit that doesn't depend on your household income) you won't have to do anything. They can just fill in the application with their own details. (You can skip to step three.)

If your child is applying for student finance that depends on your household income, they'll be asked to enter your email address when completing their application.

2. You give us your income details

We'll send you an email with instructions on how to create an account at www.gov.uk/studentfinance to support your child's application.

When you register you'll need to give us your National Insurance number and details of your household income, which we'll use to assess your child's entitlement to student finance. We'll confirm this information with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and may contact you to ask for evidence or further information to support what you've told us.

3. Your child gets paid

Once your child has completed and submitted their application, along with any evidence we need, we'll assess how much they can get and send them a Student Finance Entitlement letter – they need to keep this safe.

If they applied online, they should also print the declaration form which they must sign and return to us.

Your child should take their Student Finance Entitlement letter to their university or college when they register. Their university or college will tell us they've registered; we'll then make the first of three Maintenance Loan payments to your child's bank account and pay the Tuition Fee Loan directly to their university or college.

If you or your child need more information on any of the student finance process you'll find a range of helpful information, guidance and films on SFE's student finance zone at www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

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