為升讀全日制自資專上課程學生提供的須經入息及資產審查的資助計劃

什麼是專上學生資助計劃(以下簡稱「專上計劃」)?

「專上計劃」是一項須經入息及資產審查的計劃,為修讀院校以自 資形式開辦並經本地評審的全日制副學位(即副學士學位或高級文 憑)或學士學位課程,並有經濟需要的學生提供資助。

「專上計劃」旨在確保所有合資格的學生不會因經濟困難而失去接受專上教育的機會。資助形式包括助學金及/或貸款,助學金用以支付學費及學習支出;而貸款則用以支付學生的生活費。

誰人符合申請資格?

申請人必須:

- 擁有香港特別行政區(以下簡稱「香港」)居留權,或在課程開始前,申請人或其家庭已連續在香港居住滿三年。
 - (備註:上述不包括:
 - 1. 持香港學生簽證/進入許可證的留學生;
 - 2. 持非本地畢業生留港/回港就業安排簽證/進入許可證的人士;或
 - 3. 持受養人簽證/進入許可證來港而獲發簽證時已年滿 18 歲或以上的人士。)
- 為年齡在30歲或以下的註冊全日制學生;
- 為修讀經本地評審全日制自資副學位(即副學士學位或高級文憑) 或學士學位課程的學生;以及
- 不曾在同一學年就申請書所填報的課程接受其他由公帑支付的學生資助。

注意事項

● 申請人只可於同一學年內,就一個合資格的全日制課程申請 資助。學生須每年遞交申請。

申請人須通過什麼審查?

● 審查有兩部分:入息審查及資產審查。

何時及如何申請?

申請人可於八月初起,經在職家庭及學生資助事務處學生資助處(以下簡稱「學資處」)網上平台「學資處電子通 - 我的申請」(https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk)遞交電子申請表格,並上載、郵寄或親身遞交有關證明文件予學資處。

注意事項

● 各院校學生遞交申請的截止日期將於學資處網頁內公佈。

申請人須要遞交什麼證明文件?

- 申請人遞交 2020/21 學年的申請時,必須提交其家庭成員於 2019年4月1日至2020年3月31日期間的收入證明及截至 2020年3月31日的家庭資產淨值證明,例如:
 - ▶ 父母和與申請人及/或申請人父母同住的未婚兄弟姊妹的 糧單或銀行出糧記錄;
 - ▶ 親友向家庭提供補助款、贍養費的記錄、租金收入記錄、借出而尚未歸還款項的記錄:及
 - ▶ 所有在 2019 年 4 月 1 日至 2020 年 3 月 31 日期間的銀行 存款的月結單或其他記錄、股票、物業、土地及保險計 劃的文件副本。

詳情請參閱專上計劃申請表格及申請指引。

注意事項

● 所有在本港或本港以外地區的收入及資產均需申報。

倘若一名學生的家庭正接受綜合社會保障援助(以下簡稱「綜援」), 他/她是否需要申請「專上計劃」以獲得資助?他/她需要提交什麼證 明文件?

- 有關學生需要在「專上計劃」下提出申請。如申請人家庭於整個評 核年度(即2019年4月1日至2020年3月31日)或現正接受綜援, 他/她於遞交申請書時只須夾附下列文件:
 - ▶ 申請人(即學生本人)及家庭成員的身份證副本;
 - ▶ 由專上院校發出的申請人學生證副本;
 - ▶ 申請人用以領取學生資助的銀行帳戶存摺首頁或月結單副本, 該副本必須顯示申請人姓名及帳戶號碼;及
 - ▶ 社會福利署發出的綜接金額通知書副本,證明申請人的家庭於整個評核年度(即 2019 年 4 月 1 日至 2020 年 3 月 31 日)或現正領取綜接。
- 申請人可使用在網上平台的綜接家庭簡化版表格遞交申請。如有需要,學資處職員會聯絡並請申請人提交有關家庭收入及資產的補充資料/文件。

如有些資料在截止遞交申請時尚未齊備該怎麼辦?

 申請人須在網上申請的第 12 步「補充資料」申報有關情況(例如 具體說明哪一項家庭入息或資產金額尚待確定),並於獲得有關資 料時立即遞交學資處。

如申請人漏報或虛報家庭成員、收入及/或資產資料會有什麼後果?

若申請人在遞交申請書時漏報資料,而有關資料是在學資處查詢後才提供,有關人士可能會被取消申請資格。如漏報資料在獲發資助後才被發現,申請人可能會被要求全數歸還已獲發的資助。 虚報及/或嚴重漏報資料的申請人及/或其父母更可能會被控以欺詐手段獲得財物/金錢利益。

審批成功的申請人何時會獲發助學金及貸款?

審批時間會因應個別情況而有所不同,申請人提交申請書時資料 及證明文件是否齊備尤其影響處理時間。

- 一般而言,假如申請人在提交申請書時填報的資料齊備, 學資處可於發出「接獲申請通知書」後60日內發出「申請 結果通知書」。助學金將分兩期以自動轉帳方式存入申請人 的銀行帳戶。貸款則在申請人完成以下程序後,會以同樣 方式發放:
 - ▶ 提交所需貸款文件,包括同意於畢業或終止學業後償還 全部貸款及利息的承諾書及由申請人提名的彌償人填寫 的彌償契據;及
 - ▶ 登記「學資處電子通 我的帳單」服務 (http://e-link.wfsfaa.gov.hk)。

如申請貸款,利息及還款期是怎樣的?

貸款的利息會由還款期開始當日起計算,年息 1%。貸款人 須於畢業或終止學業後(以較前發生者為準),在 15 年內均 分 180 期,以按月等額還款方式清還貸款及累計利息。另 外,貸款人可選擇提前償還全數或部分貸款。

查詢

如對「專上計劃」有任何疑問,請向學資處「審核組(1B)」查詢, 地址如下:

九龍啟德協調道3號工業貿易大樓4樓

二十四小時查詢熱線: 2802 2345

查詢熱線 (辦公時間): 2152 9000

查詢電郵:

wg sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk

互聯網網址:

www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo

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Means-tested Financial Assistance Schemes for Students Proceeding to Self-financing Post-Secondary Education

What is the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-Secondary Students (FASP)?

The FASP is a means-tested scheme which provides financial assistance to needy full-time students pursuing locally-accredited, self-financing post-secondary education programmes at sub-degree (i.e. associate degree or higher diploma) or degree level. Its aim is to ensure that no eligible student will be denied access to post-secondary education because of lack of means. Financial assistance is provided in the form of grant and/or loan. The grant is to help an applicant to pay his/her tuition fee and academic expenses. The loan is to meet his/her living expenses.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants should -

 have the right of abode in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong) or have resided or have had their homes in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of the course;

(Remarks: This does not cover -

- 1. those holding student visas/entry permits;
- 2. those holding visas/entry permits under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates; and
- 3. those who were 18 years old or above when they were issued with the dependant visas/entry permits.)
- be registered full-time students, aged 30 or below;
- be pursuing a full-time locally-accredited self-financing post-secondary education programmes at sub-degree (i.e. associate degree or higher diploma) or degree level; and
- not have accepted any other publicly-funded student financial assistance for the programme/course stated in the application in the same academic year.

Points to note

• An applicant may apply for one eligible full-time course at any one time. He/she is required to submit an application for each academic year.

What is the means test?

It comprises two components: the income test and asset test.

When and how to apply?

• Starting from early August, applications from new students may be submitted through the online platform, namely "SFO E-link – My Applications" (https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk) of the Student Finance Office (SFO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA). All relevant copies of documentary proof should be submitted to SFO through online uploading, by post or in person.

Points to note

• Please note the respective deadline for application to be promulgated on SFO's website.

What supporting information is needed to be submitted?

- Applicants of the 2020/21 application cycle should provide the copies of proof about the family income earned during the period from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020 and family assets with value as at 31.3.2020. Some examples are —
 - > salary statement(s) or bank record(s) showing the salary of the applicant's parent(s) and all unmarried siblings residing with the applicant/the applicant's family;
 - record(s) on contributions from relatives or friends, alimonies, rental received, loan(s) to others; and
 - ➤ all bank statement(s) or other record(s) on deposits during the period from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020, securities, property, land, insurance policies, etc.

Please refer to the FASP application form and FASP Guidance Notes for details.

Points to note

 Applicants are required to report all family incomes and assets within and outside Hong Kong.

If a student's family is in receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), is he/she required to submit an application under the FASP in order to obtain the student financial assistance? What proof is he/she required to provide?

The student is required to submit an application for FASP. For an applicant whose family received CSSA throughout the assessment period from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020 or is currently in receipt of the CSSA, it is sufficient for him/her to provide the following documents together with

his/her application -

- photocopies of the HKID Cards of the applicant (i.e. the student) and his/her family members;
- > a photocopy of the applicant's student identity card issued by the post-secondary institution;
- > a photocopy of the applicant's bank passbook or statement showing his/her full name and the number of his/her bank account for receiving the payment of student financial assistance; and
- a photocopy of the Social Welfare Department Notification Letter which advised the amount of CSSA approved for the applicant's family throughout the assessment period from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020 or for the current time.
- Applicants should submit their applications using the simplified application form for CSSA family available online. SFO may contact the applicant if supplementary information/documents about his/her family income and assets are required.

What can an applicant do if some of the information is not ready by the deadline for submitting an application?

• An applicant should state in Step 12 of the online application that some supporting documents are not yet available (e.g. stating the specific income or asset item of which the actual amount is being confirmed) and take initiative to submit them once available.

What is the consequence if an applicant is found to have provided incomplete or untrue information about his/her family members, income and/or assets?

• An application may be rejected if some missing information is provided only upon the SFO's enquiry. If the missing information is found after an applicant has been disbursed the financial assistance, the applicant may be required to return all the financial assistance received. For cases with untrue information provided and/or serious omission(s), the applicant and his/her parent(s) may be liable to prosecution for obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception.

When will a successful applicant receive his/her grant and loan?

• The time when SFO is able to complete the vetting of an application hinges on various factors of which the most important one is whether the application is properly completed with all necessary information and supporting documents provided.

- An application with complete information will normally be issued the notification of result within 60 days from the date of acknowledgement. The grant will be disbursed to a successful applicant by two instalments by direct credit to his/her bank account. The loan will only be credited to the bank account of an applicant who would like to take up the loan and has
 - provided the necessary loan documents including an undertaking to repay the loan with interest upon graduation or cessation of studies and the Deed of Indemnity completed by an Indemnifier nominated by the loan applicant; and

> registered with "SFO E-link - My Bills" service (https://e-link.wfsfaa.gov.hk).

What is the interest rate and the terms of repayment?

• The interest rate is 1% per annum and is calculated from the commencement date of the loan repayment. The loan and the interest accrued are to be repaid by 180 equal monthly instalments in 15 years upon the graduation or cessation of studies of the loan borrower, whichever is earlier. A loan borrower may choose to make an early lump sum or partial repayment of the loans.

Enquiries

All general enquiries about the FASP should be directed to:

Vetting Section 1B, Student Finance Office, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency 4/F, Trade and Industry Tower, 3 Concorde Road, Kai Tak, Kowloon.

24-hour enquiry hotline: 2802 2345

Enquiry hotline (office hours): 2152 9000

Enquiry email:

wg_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk

Homepage:

www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo



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