



SAF 2026–27 at a glance

Student Assistance Fund. Help with the costs of being in college.

YES

You can apply if:

- You are a registered Trinity student and costs are hard to meet.
- Your parents or guardians support you and their income is €66,000 a year or less.
- Or you are independent and self-funding, and your income is €33,000 a year or less.
- Not fully registered yet? Apply anyway. You are paid once registered.

NO

SAF is not the route if:

- You only need help with tuition fees or the student contribution.
- You are supported by the Trinity Access Programme (TAP). Please contact TAP directly.
- You are a visiting, off books, online or micro credential student, or a graduate. See the guide.

These are guides, not hard barriers. If other circumstances apply, tell us.



What to do

- Update your bank details in your student portal. We pay only into that account.
- Gather all your documents before you start.
- Download PDFs from the source: your bank, Revenue, your provider.
- Upload 3 months of statements from every account you use.
- Write your personal statement, 150 to 300 words, in your own words.
- Press Save at the end of the form.
- Reply to our emails within 7 days, including any asking your parent's permission to use Copilot on an unclear income document.



What not to do

- × Do not send screenshots. They do not work.
- × Do not upload a tax credit certificate.
- × Do not upload only the account you rarely use.
- × Do not put names, addresses or phone numbers in your personal statement.
- × Do not submit without all your documents.
- × Do not ignore our emails.



What it supports



Rent



Electricity and gas



Travel to college: bus, Luas, DART, train



Childcare, and siblings in education



Medical costs



Course costs

Last year's awards were €600 to €2,600, for the whole year.



What it does not support

- × Tuition fees and the student contribution
- × Loans and mortgage repayments
- × Parents' rent, mortgage or bills
- × Driving, parking and petrol
- × International travel
- × Internet, phone, water and bin charges

Placement travel? Ask us about the SU placement bursary. Field trips? If you receive SUSI, you may apply to SUSI for them.

Applications open 2 October 2026 and close at midnight on 29 October 2026



Any question, ask us first

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The full guide and webinars are on the SAF page for your level (undergraduate or postgraduate) at tcd.ie/seniortutor.