The Essex Santander Access Bursary 2022-23

If you are a student from a UK School or College, you could be eligible to apply for an Essex Santander Access Bursary to support you in progressing into higher education. Priority will be given to applicants from one of our Schools Membership Plus Partner Schools or colleges.

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:

- Have attended a UK School or College and completed your course in 2022.
- Have chosen Essex as your firm choice by Friday 15 July 2022.
- Register for your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree course at the University of Essex in 2022-23 starting in October 2022.
- Have a household income of less than £25,000 – 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 15 July 2022.

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 the 15th July 2022.

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

- Preference will be given to applicants who have attended a Schools Membership Plus partner school or college and finished their course in 2022 (eligible schools/colleges can be found in Appendix A).
- 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 2022. 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 2022-23. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.
Appendix A

Schools Membership Plus Partner School/Colleges

1. Attleborough Academy Norfolk
2. Brentwood County High School
3. Cecil Jones Academy
4. Chase High School
5. Chelmsford College
6. Christ the King Sixth Form College: Aquinas
7. Christ The King Sixth Form College: Emmanuel
8. Christ the King Sixth Form College: St Mary’s
9. City and Islington College, CANDI Sixth Form College
10. Clacton Coastal Academy
11. Colchester County High School for Girls
12. Copleston High School
13. East Norfolk Sixth Form Centre
14. Harlow College
15. Harwich and Dovercourt High School
16. Havering Sixth Form College (excluding New City college & Havering College of Further and Higher Education)
17. Hedingham School and Sixth Form
18. Hylands Schools
19. Northgate High School
20. Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
21. One Sixth Form College, Suffolk
22. Ortu Sixth Form Centre (Stanford and Corringham)
23. Palmer's College (USP)
24. Plume - Maldon's Community Academy
25. Robert Clack School School of Science
26. Seevic College (USP)
27. Shoeburyness High School
28. Sigma Sixth Colchester (Philip Morant)
29. Sigma Sixth Tendring (Clacton County)
30. South Essex College
31. St Angela's Ursuline School
32. St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
33. St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College
34. Suffolk One Sixth Form College
35. Tendring Technology College
36. The Basildon Upper Academy
37. The FitzWimarc School
38. The Jo Richardson Community School
39. The King Edmund School
40. The Royal Hospital School
41. The Sixth Form College Colchester
42. Thomas Gainsborough School
43. Thurstable School
44. Witham Sixth Forms (Maltings & New Rickstones)
45. The Sandon School.