# The Essex Santander Access Bursary 2020-21

If you are a student from one of our Schools Membership Plus Partner Schools or colleges, or have taken part in the Aspire Higher project, you could be eligible to apply for an Essex Santander Access Bursary to support you in progressing into higher education

The University, in partnership with Santander, is offering 28 1-year cash bursaries of £1,260 each and two 3-year bursaries of £1,260 per annum.

## 1. Eligibility

To be eligible you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Attend a Schools Membership Plus partner school or college and finish your course in 2020 (eligible schools/colleges can be found in Appendix A). Or have taken part in the Aspire Higher project.
- Have chosen Essex as your firm choice by 18 September 2020.
- Register for your first year of study for a full-time undergraduate degree course at the University of Essex in 2020-21 starting in October 2020.
- Have a household income of less than £20,000 – 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 18 September 2020.

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 18 September 2020.

## 3. Selection Process

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

- 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 2020. 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 £1,260 for the first year of study only. Payment will be made in two instalments, one in November and one in February. The three year bursary

award is worth £1,260 for each year of study (not exceeding three years) and will be made in two instalments each year, 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 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.*

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| Attleborough Academy Norfolk |
| The Basildon Upper Academy |
| Brentwood County High School |
| Cecil Jones Academy |
| Chase High School |
| Chelmsford College |
| Christ The King Sixth Form College |
| City and Islington College |
| City College Norwich |
| Clacton Coastal Academy |
| Clacton County High School |
| Colchester County High School For Girls |
| The Colne Community School and College |
| Harwich and Dovercourt High School |
| Harlow College |
| Havering Sixth Form College |
| Hedingham School and Sixth Form |
| Hylands School |
| Jo Richardson Community School |
| King Edmund School |
| Maltings Academy |
| Northgate High School |
| Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form |
| Palmers College |
| Plume Academy |
| Robert Clack School |
| Royal Hospital School |
| SEEVIC College |
| Shoeburyness High School |
| St Angelas Ursuline Sixth Form Centre |
| St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College |
| St Francis Xavier VI Form College |
| Stanford & Corringham Sixth Form Centre |
| Suffolk One Academy |
| Tendring Technology College |
| The FitzWimarc School |
| The Philip Morant School and College |
| The Sixth Form College Colchester |
| Thomas Gainsborough School |
| Thurstable School |