Fund your studies

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Financial aid for students from FPA/KELA


- If you are not a Finnish citizen and have come to Finland for study purposes, the general rule is that you cannot get financial aid from Finland.

- However, you may qualify for financial aid if:
  - you have been granted a continuous (A) or permanent (P) residence permit or an EU residence permit for third-country nationals (P-EU or P-EY). If you are a citizen of another EU or EEA country or of Switzerland, the family member of such a person, or a citizen of a Nordic country, you only have to register your right of residence or present your residence card.
  - if you are living in Finland permanently and
  - you have arrived in Finland for some other reason than to study. Such a reason can for example be employment, family ties or return migration.
Financial aid for students from FPA/KELA

- Study grant
- Student loan
- (housing supplement, only in special cases)
- General housing allowance
Financial aid for students from FPA/KELA

- To look out for:
  - The amount of credits (academic year)
  - Income limits (calendar year)

- Be in direct contact with KELA/FPA

- Ask more questions from KELA-experts on campus:
  - 11 September 11-13 in Arken (POP UP for students) in Åbo/Turku
  - Pop up in Vasa in September (late confirmed later, info by email)
Scholarship programme for master’s students

• Three categories:
  – Full Scholarship, covering the tuition fee and includes a annual scholarship to cover the student’s living expenses (6 720 €), awarded for 2 years (second year conditional)
  – Tuition Fee Scholarship, covering 100 % of the tuition fee, awarded for 2 years (second year conditional)
  – Tuition Fee Scholarship, covering 50 % of the tuition fee, awarded for 2 years (second year conditional)

• Scholarship agreement

• Johnny Nykvist (admission@abo.fi) will answer all questions in relation to this
Åbo Akademi University scholarships for students

- Presented in the scholarship guide (almost 100 scholarship funds)
- Most of the scholarships come from funds that are held in trust by the ÅAU Foundation
- For degree students at ÅAU who are enrolled as present
- Annual application process in February
- Scholarship decision based on:
  - the wishes of the donators to the different funds
  - study performance
Åbo Akademi University scholarships for students

• Three categories of scholarships:
  1. **General scholarships** are open for application for all degree students on bachelor/master level
  2. **Faculty scholarships** are open for application for students studying a specific subject or at a specific faculty in accordance with the scholarship regulations
  3. **Special scholarships** have special stipulations e.g. regarding background, specialisation in studies or life situation

• Further divided into:
  – **Scholarships with a language clause**, i.e. scholarships for students with Swedish as their first language
  – **Scholarships without a language clause**, i.e. scholarships, which can be applied for independently from the first language or in particular cases with a different first language than Swedish.
Åbo Akademi University scholarships for students

• **Process:**
  – Application period (February)
  – Processing of the applications (March-May)
  – Scholarship decision (May)
  – The most common payment date: 15 June

• Scholarships vary between 200 euros and 2000 euros (400 euros the most common amount)

Scholarships for Students at ÅA School of Business and Economics

- So called Hanken-scholarships, seldom granted to first year students
- Two annual application periods: one in March/April and one in October/November
- The scholarship decisions are published 1-3 months after application deadline
- Contact person: Tuija-Liisa Pohja (tuija-liisa.pohja@abo.fi)
Travel grants for students at Åbo Akademi University

• Only travel expenses (no per diem)
1. For individual students
   – For e.g. mandatory language practice, internships, gathering of material for thesis purpose, participation in scholarly conferences
2. Student associations and student groups
   – Travel grants for field trips in connection to the studies

• Two annual deadlines: 1 March and 1 October (however, application open continuously)
• The application has to be submitted before the trip
• More information can be found here
Other scholarships

• Look out for possibilities:
  
  – Grant or student loan from your home country/municipality
  
  – https://www.scholarshipportal.com/ (check scholarships in Finland)
  
  – http://fyrk.fi/ (in Swedish)
Important matters to consider when working, receiving scholarships and studying in Finland

- Scholarships are taken into account in the income control (study grant)

- Scholarships in Finland are tax free up to the amount of 20,728.44 euros (2019)


- Residence permit for studies:
  - You may only work for an average of 25 hours per week during the academic terms.
    - The number of working hours is not restricted on a weekly level. This means that you can adjust your weekly working hours during the academic term, as long as you work for 25 hours a week on average.
  - You can work without restrictions at the times when your educational institution offers no instruction, that is, during summer and Christmas holidays.

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THANK YOU

Questions?