STUDY ALLOWANCE

This fact sheet is about study allowance for studies in Sweden. If you are going to study abroad, you can read more in the fact sheet “Studiehjälp för studier utanför Sverige” (CSN no. 5009).

WHAT IS STUDY ALLOWANCE?

Study allowance consists of three different grants:
• student grant
• supplementary allowance
• boarding supplement.

WHO CAN RECEIVE STUDY ALLOWANCE?

You can receive study allowance for upper secondary school studies if you study full-time.

IF YOU ARE A FOREIGN CITIZEN

Special conditions apply to foreign citizens. When you apply for study allowance, CSN first determine whether you have the right to Swedish student finance or not. You can read more about the conditions for receiving student finance that apply for foreign citizens on www.csn.se.

How to apply

If you are a foreign citizen and want to apply for study allowance, you have to complete and send in “Ansökan om studiehjälp/Uppgifter för rätt till svenskt studiestöd” (CSN form 4144). You only have to do that once a year. You can order the form on www.csn.se/blanketter.

SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE

Supplementary allowance is a grant available to families with low income. To qualify for supplementary allowance, your income and your parents’ income before tax and one-fifth of your wealth must be less than SEK 125,000 in the period 1 July–30 June.

There is no lower age limit for receiving supplementary allowance. You can receive the grant up to and including the spring term of the year you turn 20.

The table shows the amount you can receive.

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How to apply

If you want to apply for supplementary allowance, you should submit “Ansökan om extra tillägg” (CSN form 1601). You can order the form at www.csn.se/blanketter. The application deadline is 30 June of the academic year the application refers to.

BOARDING SUPPLEMENT

Boarding supplement is a grant you can receive if you have to live at another location than your home municipality due to your studies.

Your total travel time between your parental home and the school or placement must be at least two hours per day.

You can receive a boarding supplement if you study for example at a
• independent upper secondary school
• independent upper secondary school for pupils with learning disabilities
• folk high school.

For additional information about school types that you can receive boarding supplement for, visit www.csn.se/inackorderingstillägg.

If you are going to study at an independent upper secondary school or an independent upper secondary school for pupils with learning disabilities, you can normally only receive boarding supplement if the programme and national specialisation you are going to study are not offered where you live. You cannot receive boarding supplement if you have a parent who is you and who lives in your place of study and the travel time from there to the school is less than two hours per day.

The amount you receive as boarding supplement each month depends on the distance between your parental home and your school or placement, one way. The amount varies between SEK 1,190 and SEK 2,350 per month.

There is no lower age limit for receiving the boarding supplement. You can receive the grant up to and including the spring term of the year you turn 20.

If your parents live abroad

If your parents live abroad and at least one of them is a Swedish citizen, you can receive boarding supplement even if you are studying at a compulsory school or municipal upper secondary school or in Komvux (adult secondary education). You can receive this as of Year 7.

How to apply

If you want to apply for the boarding supplement, you should submit “Ansökan om inackorderingstillägg” (CSN form 1604). You can order the form at www.csn.se/blanketter. The application deadline is 30 June of the academic year the application refers to.
GRANT FROM YOUR HOME MUNICIPALITY

Boarding supplement
If you are going to study at a municipal upper secondary school or municipal upper secondary school for pupils with learning disabilities or in Komvux (adult secondary education), your home municipality examines your right to a grant for boarding.

Daily travel
Irrespective of whether you are going to study at a municipal or independent school, your home municipality examines your right to daily travel allowance.

PAYMENT
We pay the money on the last banking day of the month.

If you are going to attend school for the whole of the academic year, you will normally receive payments of student grant in the following months:
- September
- October
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June.

If you have supplementary allowance, it is paid in the same months as your student grant.

If you have boarding supplement, it is normally paid for four months in the autumn term (September–December) and for five months in the spring term (January–May).

To have your study allowance paid, your school must have reported to CSN that you are studying full-time. If you do not attend school, CSN can stop your payments.

How is the money paid?
It is Swedbank that handles CSN’s payments. Your custodian needs to notify them of the bank and account where the money is to be deposited. The simplest way to do this is on www.swedbank.se/kontoregister. If your custodian already has an account affiliated to Swedbank’s payment system, no new notification is needed.

When you have turned 18, you must notify your own account.

If you do not notify the account for payment of study allowance, you will receive a payment order from Swedbank instead. You may have to pay a fee when you cash the payment order.

Read more at www.csn.se/konto (in Swedish).

Who receives the money?
When you have turned 18, you get the payments from CSN yourself. Before this, one or both of your parents receive the study allowance. The money is normally paid to the parent who received the child benefit most recently.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO STUDY ABROAD
If you are going to study outside Sweden, you must apply for the student grant. You can order forms and read more about the special rules that apply to studies outside Sweden on www.csn.se. The application deadline is 30 June of the academic year the application refers to.