

For Foreign Citizens

An Allowance from CSN for Upper Secondary Studies

Are you about to start upper-secondary school? If so, you may be eligible for an allowance from CSN, the agency that handles Swedish student finance. There are various kinds of student finance available. Here, you can read about how this would work for you as a foreign citizen.

CSN's various Forms of Student Finance

All of the kinds of student finance are available at the longest to the end of the spring semester of the year you turn 20. After that, you can apply for student aid.

Study Allowance

The study allowance is SEK 1,250 per month and is usually paid out 10 months per year, from September until June. To be eligible for study allowance, you must be at least 16 years old and study full time in an upper-secondary programme.

Supplementary Allowance

If your family has income below a certain level, you can apply for additional student finance. This is called a supplementary allowance. How much money you can get depends on your family's income.

Boarding Supplement

The boarding supplement is an allowance for travel and lodging. You can apply for this allowance if you are studying at an independent upper-secondary school, special needs upper-secondary school or folk high school and have to live in a different city during your studies.

NOTE: If you are studying at a municipal uppersecondary school, you must apply for travel and lodging assistance directly from your home municipality instead of CSN.

Apprenticeship Allowance

You can apply for apprenticeship allowance if you are enrolled in an upper secondary apprentice programme or a similar introduction programme. This allowance is intended for the additional costs you may have for meals and travel when you are in the workplace.



Would you like to know more? Go to csn.se/studiehjalp or phone us at +46-771-276 000

Special Terms and Conditions for Foreign Citizens

When applying as a foreign citizen, CSN first determines if you have a right to Swedish student finance, in other words if you can get an allowance for studies from CSN. Then we determine if you meet the other requirements to receive Swedish student finance, such as that you are studying full time.

If you have a permanent residence permit and live in Sweden, you most often have a right to Swedish student finance. If you have received a temporary residence permit from the Swedish Migration Agency because you have refugee status or a similar status, you most often also have a right to Swedish student finance. However, as an asylum seeker, you do not have a right to Swedish student finance.

If you do not have a permanent residence permit and are not comparable to a refugee, different rules apply depending on if you are an EU/EEA or Swiss citizen or if you have a different citizenship. More information is available in the fact sheet "Svenskt studiestöd för studier i Sverige för dig som är utländsk medborgare" (CSN no. 4146).



The fact sheet is available in various languages at csn.se

You Need to Apply for Certain Allowances and Supplements

You do not need to apply for the student grant. CSN receives the information we need from your school and the Swedish Migration Agency. If you are a citizen of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland, you may need to fill out a form. In that case, CSN will send you a form.

If you need a supplementary allowance, boarding supplement or apprenticeship allowance, you must submit an application to CSN. The forms can be ordered at csn.se/blanketter.



All of the forms are available at csn.se/blanketter

When Will the Money Arrive?

Once you turn 18, you receive the aid yourself. Until then, the aid is usually paid out to the guardian who last received the child allowance for you. If you are under the age of 18 and have come to Sweden without your parents, your legal guardian can apply to be the payment recipient.

The date that you turn 16 determines when the first disbursement will be made. Up to the first disbursement from CSN, you usually receive child allowance from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan).

16th Birthday in	First Payment from CSN	Last Child Allowance from Försäkringskassan
January–June	September	June
July–September	October	September
October–December	January	December

The money is then paid out on the last weekday in the months September–June. The boarding supplement and the apprenticeship allowance are paid out September–May.

What Happens If You Have Unauthorized Absence?

The financial aid is provided so you can study, which means that you are not entitled to it if you have unauthorized absence. Absences not approved by the school are counted as unauthorized absence. If the school notifies us that you have unauthorized absence, we will stop the disbursements. If you have received money that you are not entitled to, you have to pay it back.

Keep in mind that unauthorized absence can also affect other forms of aid, such as your family's housing allowance and child allowance supplement.

You are welcome to contact us if you have any questions and good luck with your studies!