

For foreign citizens

An allowance from CSN for upper-secondary studies

Are you going to begin upper-secondary studies (high school)? If so, you may be eligible for an allowance from CSN, the agency that handles Swedish student finance. This is an allowance that you do not have to repay and 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.

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 a bit more 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 or folk high school and have to live in a different city during your studies.

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

Apprenticeship allowance

If you are attending an upper-secondary apprentice programme where a part of the programme is at a workplace, you can apply for an allowance from CSN for meals and travel. This allowance is called apprenticeship allowance.



Would you like to know more? Go to www.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 www.csn.se

How to apply

If you are a foreign citizen, you have to apply for the study allowance. You do this by filling out the Swedish form "Ansökan om studiehjälp/ Uppgifter för rätt till svenskt studiestöd" [Application for student finance /Information for entitlement to Swedish student finance] (CSN's form no. 4144).



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

If you need a supplementary allowance, boarding supplement or apprenticeship allowance, you also have to send in an application for this assistance to CSN.

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 skip school?

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

Keep in mind that skipping 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!