

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Student Finance 2006/2007

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is responsible for administering applications for student finance.

The assistance available depends on the personal circumstances of the student and the type of course being studied.

The main form of financial assistance available to Higher Education students is a grant for tuition fees and a student loan for living costs. The grant for tuition fees is means tested together with 25% of the loan.

In addition, Higher Education students may receive supplementary grants if they are disabled or have children.

The authority also administers Assembly Learning Grants (ALG) which provide extra money for students who might otherwise experience financial difficulty when undertaking post compulsory or higher education. The ALG is a means tested grant that is available to all H.E. students.

Students can apply for:

- * **Loan amounts:**
 - Home: Minimum £2215 *
 - Maximum £3415
 - London: Minimum £4970*
 - Maximum £6170
 - Elsewhere: Minimum £3205*
 - Maximum £4405

If a student receives a Maintenance grant of £1200 or above the student will only qualify for the minimum rate of the loan

- * **Fee Loan:**
 - Up to a Maximum of £3000
 - Welsh HEI's have set their fees for 2006/07 at £1200

(However in 2007/08 all HEI's can charge up to £3000, for those students studying in Wales they can apply for a Tuition Fee grant on top of the Tuition Fee loan to pay the £3000)

* **Maintenance Grant:** Up to Maximum of £2700
Below £17500 – Maximum
£17501 – 37899 – Means tested

Bursary from their institution of £300

Non Means Test Only if parents income is above:-

£46000 and the student will be living at home they will only qualify for Non means test only.

£48350 and the student will be living elsewhere they will only qualify for Non means test only.

£52530 and the student will be living in London they will only qualify for Non means test only.

For further information on support available please contact:
Student Finance Wales on: **0845 602 8845**

If you require an application form please contact:
Blaenau Gwent (C2BG): **01495 311556**

Or

For quick and easy access to student financial support services and information Logon to: **www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk**