

# PTL Application

Tuition Fee Loan, Tuition Fee Grant and Course Grant application form for new and returning part-time students 2018/19

PTL

2018/19

## About this form

Complete and return this form if you're studying a part-time course and want to apply for student finance from Student Finance Northern Ireland.

You should apply online at [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk) if you want to get your application to us quicker.

If you're an Open University (OU) student, complete this form.

Tick the box if you're an OU student.

## What sections to complete

All students need to complete sections 1 to 4 and read, sign and date the declaration.

Depending on what support you want to apply for, you'll also need to complete some further sections.

If you want to:	Sections you need to complete
<b>Apply for a Tuition Fee Loan only</b>	<b>6 and 10</b>
<b>Apply for Grants only</b>	<b>7 to 10</b>
<b>Apply for Tuition Fee Loan and Grants</b>	<b>6 to 10</b>

You can find more information in the part-time booklet 'A Guide to Financial Support for Part Time Students in Higher Education' available at [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk)

The booklet will tell you more about:

- Who can get funding for part-time courses
- How and when you'll get paid
- How you'll repay your loan and when you'll start repaying.

It's important that you read and understand all this information before you apply.



If you're not sure if your course is eligible for student finance you should speak to your university.

## Privacy Notice

You need to read our Privacy Notice before completing your application.

Go to [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk/dataprotection](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk/dataprotection) to read this statement.

## Use the PTL notes to help you complete your application

-  Where you see this icon it means there's additional information in the notes that can help you.
-  Where you see this icon it means we need you to send documents as supporting evidence. You can find details in the accompanying notes.

Read the notes – if you don't answer a question or section correctly or you don't include the documents we need this will delay your application.

## Disabled Students' Allowances

You can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) if you have a disability which meets the definition of a disability under the Equality Act 2010, including a:

- long-term health condition
- mental health condition
- specific learning difficulty, for example – dyslexia

DSAs are paid in addition to your other student finance. They help you pay the extra costs you may have because of your disability. They don't have to be repaid. How much you get depends on your individual needs.

If you want to apply for DSAs you'll need to:

- complete and return this PTL form and
- complete a Disabled Students' Allowances Application form (DSA Slim).

You can download the DSA Slim form from [www.studentfinanceni.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

Tick the box below if you want us to send you a DSA Slim form instead.

Send me a DSA Slim form

## Additional help and information

For the most up-to-date information about student finance you should go to [www.studentfinanceni.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

If you can't find the information you need online you can call us on **0300 100 0077**.

All of our forms and guides are available in Braille, large print format or audio. If you need these, you can request them by emailing your name, address and details of the format you require to:

[brailleandlargefont@slc.co.uk](mailto:brailleandlargefont@slc.co.uk) or call **0141 243 3686** (this number is only for alternative format requests).

# 1 Your details

## 1.1 Customer Reference Number

(if you have one)

## 1.2 Personal details

Complete these details exactly as stated on your birth certificate or passport.

If your name has changed from your birth certificate or passport then send us supporting evidence confirming the change. Give a note of any other previous names you've had on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

Title

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First Name

Surname

Gender

Male  Female

Date of birth

Day                      Month                      Year  
 /  /

Place of birth (the name of the town or village)

Nationality


## 1.3 National Insurance number

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## 1.4 Marital status

Tick one box that best describes your current marital status.


Single


Living with a partner 

Married/civil partnership

Give the date of marriage/civil partnership

Day                      Month                      Year  
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Separated 

Divorced/dissolved civil partnership 

Widowed/surviving civil partner 

# 1 Your details – continued

## 1.5 Address details

Give your current home address.

Give your term-time address if you know it. If you give a term-time address we'll send correspondence to that address. You can update your address(es) at any time by contacting us.

### 1.5.1 Contact details

Give your current contact details.

Home address

Postcode

Term-time address

Postcode

Date you'll move to your term-time address

Day

Month

Year

Home phone number

Mobile phone number

Email address

## 2 Previous support and qualification history

**2.1 Will you be getting funding from any other source to meet the costs of your tuition fees in this academic year?**

Tell us about any contribution to your tuition fees that may be made by an employer, a bursary scheme, or from any other type of fund or sponsorship.

- No
- Yes – give details

**2.2 Have you received a loan and/or grant for part-time study for this programme of study for any academic year up to and including 2017/18?**

- No
- Yes – go to section 4

**2.3 Do you have a degree from an educational institution in the UK, ROI or overseas? ⓘ**

- No
- Yes – is this an honours degree?
- No
- Yes

**2.4 Have you ever had any other loans from the Student Loans Company (SLC)?**

- No
- Yes – are you behind with the repayments?
- No
- Yes – you can't apply for student finance until you resolve this. Call **0300 100 0611** for Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) loans. If you have any Mortgage Style (MS) loans please call your debt owner on the telephone number shown on the most recent correspondence that you have received from them. If you do not know who your debt owner is call **0300 100 0632** for advice.

## 2 Previous support and qualification history – continued

**2.5** Have you studied any previous undergraduate or postgraduate course of higher education in any country, since leaving school, in which you received a qualification?

No – go to section 3

Yes

**2.5.1** Complete the table with details of any higher education courses you've previously studied. You should tell us about full-time (FT), part-time (PT) or distance learning (DL) courses.

Course title and qualification (for example, BA (Hons) English)	Name and address of university or college (including town and country)	Start and end date MM-YYYY	Type of course (FT/PT/DL)	Did you gain a qualification?
				<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
				<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
				<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

## 3 Your residency information

In this section we'll ask you about your residency status and you'll need to send evidence of this with your application.

You can find more information about the evidence you need to send in the Application Notes.

Make sure you send your evidence with your application, we can't process it if you don't.

### 3.1 Are you a UK or ROI national? ⓘ

If you are an ROI national that's been living in Northern Ireland for 3 years or has a UK passport, tick yes.

No – go to 3.2

Yes – go to 3.10

### 3.2 Are you an EU national?

No – go to 3.3

Yes – send evidence – go to 3.11 ⓘ

### 3.3 Are you the child of a Swiss national? ⓘ

No – go to 3.4

Yes – Will your Swiss national parent live in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to 3.4

Yes – send evidence – go to 3.11 ⓘ

### 3 Your residency information – continued

3.4 Are you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner or
- parent(s), step-parent or
- child, son- or daughter-in-law, child’s civil partner

a European Economic Area (EEA) national or Swiss national who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK? ⓘ

- No – go to 3.5
- Yes – give details – send evidence ⓘ

3.4.1 If you’re currently working, are you going to continue working during your studies?

- No – go to 3.11
- Yes – give details – send evidence ⓘ

Go to 3.11

3.5 Are you the child of a Turkish worker who is working in the UK? ⓘ

- No – go to 3.6
- Yes – send evidence – go to 3.11 ⓘ

3.6 Do you have ‘settled status’ in the UK? ⓘ

- No – go to 3.7
- Yes – Give the date you received this status
- Day                      Month                      Year
- -
- Send evidence. ⓘ

Go to 3.11



### 3 Your residency information – continued

3.7 Have you or your:  
• husband/wife/civil partner; or  
• parent(s)/step-parent  
been granted 'refugee status' by the UK Government? ⓘ

No – go to 3.8

Yes – Will you be resident in Northern Ireland on the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No

Yes

Give the date this status will expire

Day                      Month                      Year

-   -

Send evidence. ⓘ

**Go to 3.11**

3.8 Have you or your:  
• husband, wife, civil partner or  
• parent(s), step-parent  
been granted 'leave to enter or remain' in the UK as a result of a failed asylum application? ⓘ

No – go to 3.9

Yes Give the date this status will expire

Day                      Month                      Year

-   -

Send evidence. ⓘ

**Go to 3.11**

3.9 Have you or your:  
• husband, wife, civil partner or  
• parent(s), step-parent  
been granted 'leave to remain' as a Stateless Person? ⓘ

No – if you've answered 'No' to all of the questions in this section, you're not eligible to apply for funding from Student Finance NI.

Yes Give the date this status will expire

Day                      Month                      Year

-   -

Send evidence. ⓘ

**Go to 3.11**

3.10 In the three years prior to the start of the first academic year of your course, did you live outside the UK and Islands at any time?

No – go to 3.12

Yes – go to 3.11

### 3 Your residency information – continued

**3.11 Give details of your residency for the three years before the first day of your academic year. ⓘ**

If you need more space attach an additional piece of A4 paper to your completed form. Remember to include your Customer Reference Number.

Address

Postcode Country

From

Day Month Year

  /   /    

To

Day Month Year

  /   /    

Tell us why you moved here

Address

Postcode Country

From

Day Month Year

  /   /    

To

Day Month Year

  /   /    

Tell us why you moved here

### 3 Your residency information – continued

- 3.12 At any time since 1 September 2015 has:**
- **either of your parents, step-parents, guardians or**
  - **your husband, wife, partner or civil partner lived or worked outside the UK and Islands or, in the case of an EU, EEA or Swiss national, outside the EEA or Switzerland?**

Make sure you give full details. If you leave any gaps, your application may be delayed until we get the information we need.

If you need more space attach an additional piece of A4 paper to your completed form.

Remember to include your Customer Reference Number.

- No – go to section 4**
- Yes – Give details of their residency for the 3 years since 1 September 2015**

Address

Postcode

Country

From

Day

Month

Year

  /   /    

To

Day

Month

Year

  /   /    

Tell us why you moved here

Address

Postcode

Country

From

Day

Month

Year

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To

Day

Month

Year

  /   /    

Tell us why you moved here

## 4 Your part-time course

### 4.1 University or college details

If your course is at a university that is made up of a number of colleges, give the name of the college first, followed by the name of the university.

University name

Full university address

#### 4.1.1 If the course is franchised to another university or college, give the name and address of the other university or college

University name

Full university address

### 4.2 Give the full name of your course

You should check the name of your course with your university or college. If the course details you give us can't be confirmed yet, your student funding may be delayed. Don't enter your module name here.

### 4.3 Qualification you expect to gain. For example BA (Hons) English

### 4.4 When did you start the first year of your course?

Month      Year  
 /

### 4.5 In this academic year, when will you start your studies?


Month      Year  
 /

## 4 Your part-time course – continued


4.6 When will you finish the final year of your studies?

Month      Year  
  /


4.7 Course length 

4.8 Current year of course 

Make sure you tell us what year of your course you're going into not the year of your studies

4.9 Full tuition fee amount your university or college is charging you this academic year? 



£

4.10 Is this a distance learning course? 

If 'Yes' you can only get this loan if you are living in Northern Ireland on the first day of your first academic year, unless you or a family member are in the Armed Forces. Read the notes to find out which family members qualify and for more information.

No

Yes

If yes are you living outside of Northern Ireland, because you or a family member you live with are in the Armed Forces?  

No

Yes



# Before you continue...

## What you need to know

The part-time student finance you can apply for depends on what your course intensity will be in academic year 2018/19:

- For Tuition Fee Loan, you need to have a course intensity of at least 25% in the academic year
- For Tuition Fee Grant and Course Grant, you need to have an overall average course intensity of at least 50%.

## What you need to do

Check below to find out what sections you need to complete, this will depend on what you're applying for.

If you want to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan only

Complete sections 6 & 10

If you want to apply for a Tuition Fee Grant or Course Grant only

Complete sections 7 to 10

If you want to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan and Course Grant and/or Tuition Fee Grant

Complete sections 6 to 10

## What your university or college need to do

If you're applying for a Tuition Fee Grant, your university or college should complete section 5 to confirm your course details. If they don't complete section 5 your application for grants will be delayed.

If you're applying for a Tuition Fee Loan only, your university or college don't need to complete section 5.

## 5 Your university or college

### University or college section

**Designated university or college staff should check the student's answers to section 4 before completing, signing and stamping this section.**

Course fee to be charged to the student for the 2018/19 academic year.

£

SLC or UCAS code for the university or college.

If the student is studying at a franchised institution, please indicate which institution the fee should be paid to:

- University or college in section 4 question **4.1**
- University or college in section 4 question **4.1.1**

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- the student named in section 1 is undertaking the course named in section 4.
- the student intends to complete the following number of credits, credit points, modules or any other unit of measure by studying on a **part-time (PT) basis** in academic year 2018/19.

**Number of PT units**

**Unit of measure**  
(delete as applicable)

credits/credit points/  
modules/other

- the following number of credits, credit points, modules or any other unit of measure would comprise the equivalent **full-time (FT) course** within one academic year.

**Number of FT units**

**Unit of measure**  
(delete as applicable)

credits/credit points/  
modules/other

## 5 Your university or college – continued

Intensity of study is calculated by taking the number of part-time units (given on previous page) that the student intends to study in academic year 2018/19 and dividing it by the number of units (given on previous page) that the student would complete in one academic year if the course were studied on a full-time basis. The result is then expressed as a percentage.

- the **intensity of study** for this course is 
$$\frac{\text{PT units } \boxed{\phantom{000}}}{\text{FT units } \boxed{\phantom{000}}} \times 100 = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$
- the student's course is designated as eligible for financial support under Regulation 124 of the Education (Student Support) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (as amended).
  - the equivalent full-time course would last  years.
  - it is possible for the student to complete the course in no more than twice the length of time required to complete the equivalent full-time course.

Your full name  
(in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Your position

Your phone number  
(including area code)

Your email address

Your signature

Date 


Day			Month			Year				
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University or college stamp



## 6 Your loan request

### 6.1 Tell us the amount of Tuition Fee Loan you want to borrow

Any Tuition Fee Loan you borrow will be paid directly to your university or college. 

If you want the maximum available to you tick the box

If you want less than the maximum available to you tell us how much you want to borrow

£  (enter amount)

### 6.2 Contact details

Give the names and addresses of two contacts. The people you name should live at different addresses and will only be contacted if, for example, you move address and don't inform us. You must inform these people that you've named them as contacts.

#### Contact 1

First name(s)

Surname

Relationship to you

Address

Postcode

Home phone number

#### Contact 2

First name(s)

Surname

Relationship to you

Address

Postcode

Home phone number

## 7 About your husband, wife, civil partner or partner

### 7.1 Your husband, wife, civil partner or partner's details

Relationship to you

Husband  Wife

Civil partner  Partner

Title

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First name(s)

Surname

Date of birth

Day Month Year

-   -

Place of birth (the name of the town or village)

Home address

Postcode

Home phone number (including area code)

### 7.2 Your husband, wife, civil partner or partner's Customer Reference Number, if they have one.

## 8 Financial details

### 8.1 Are you or your husband, wife, civil partner or partner getting one or more of the state benefits listed? ⓘ

If you or your husband, wife, civil partner or partner are receiving any of the benefits listed, you must provide photocopied evidence to show who's getting the benefit.

**No** – go to 8.2

**Yes** – Tick the appropriate box(es) and send evidence dated within 4 weeks of submitting this application ⓘ

Income Support/Universal Credit

Housing Benefit (Rates Rebate)

Housing Benefit

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

**If you receive any of the benefits listed, we don't need any other financial details – go to 8.8**

## 8 Financial details – continued

Use this page to enter the amount of income received from **6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018**. If you have no income for any of the income types listed, enter £0 or 'N/A'. **We can't process your application if any boxes are blank.**

**Where you tell us an amount, you must send us photocopied evidence to support it.**

**Amount received before tax (Gross income)  
from 6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018**

	Student	Husband, wife, civil partner or partner
<b>8.2 Gross income from salary or wages</b> ⓘ ⓘ Before deductions	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
<b>8.3 Income from self-employment</b> ⓘ ⓘ	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
<b>8.4 Bank and building society gross interest</b> ⓘ Before tax	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
<b>8.5 Other investment income</b> ⓘ Before tax	Type <input type="text"/>	Type <input type="text"/>
	Amount <input type="text"/>	Amount <input type="text"/>
<b>8.6 Income from property, lettings or rent</b> ⓘ <b>8.6.1 How much of this is through the Rent a Room scheme?</b> ⓘ ⓘ	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
<b>8.7 Any other type of income</b> ⓘ ⓘ	Type <input type="text"/>	Type <input type="text"/>
	Amount <input type="text"/>	Amount <input type="text"/>
	Type <input type="text"/>	Type <input type="text"/>
	Amount <input type="text"/>	Amount <input type="text"/>
	Type <input type="text"/>	Type <input type="text"/>
	Amount <input type="text"/>	Amount <input type="text"/>

## 8 Financial details – continued

### 8.8 Give details of any children who will be wholly or mainly financially dependent on you during academic year 2018/19.

Your child's income includes their income from all sources after Income Tax and National Insurance contributions for tax year **2017-18**.

Child's full name	Date of birth DD MM YYYY	Relationship to you	Who will they live with?	Income tax year 2017-18

## 9 Your UK bank or building society account details

You should only complete this section if you've applied for a Course Grant.

This account must be in your own name and be able to accept direct credits.

Please note that missing or incorrect bank or building society details will result in your grant payment being delayed.

### 9.1 Account details

Sort code

 -  - 


Account number

Building society roll number (if applicable)




**We'll only use the bank or building society details you provide to pay your course grant. Tuition fees will be paid directly to your university or college.**

## Student Declaration

Before signing and returning your completed form, you should read the Privacy Notice in the accompanying notes. 

This declaration covers all of the student finance available to students for academic year 2018/19.

By signing this declaration you are confirming that you have read the specific terms and conditions about loans, grants and Disabled Students' Allowances because they will affect you if you apply for them at any time in academic year 2018/19. If you don't apply for these in academic year 2018/19 their specific terms and conditions will not affect you. 

**Your application for financial support may be delayed unless you sign and date this declaration.**

### General Declaration

- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided is true and complete. If it is not, I understand that I may not receive financial support, any support I have had may be withdrawn and I could be prosecuted.
- I agree to give the Education Authority (EA) any information they require to process my application and agree to tell them immediately if my circumstances change in any way that might affect my entitlement to financial support. I understand that if I do not do this, I may not receive any further payments, and may have to repay the financial support I have already received.
- I agree that in the event of receiving an overpayment of financial support, I am obligated to repay this in full and I agree that such overpayment may be recovered by deduction from any future entitlement to financial support.
- I confirm where I have provided any personal information in relation to a third party, I have informed them of this.

### Loan Contract

- a** I have read and understood the booklet 'Student Loans: A guide to terms and conditions' available online at [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk)
- b** I acknowledge and agree that any loan(s) made to me by the Department for the Economy (which includes any person exercising functions on behalf of the Department for the Economy, together with any successor(s) thereto (the "lender") pursuant to Article 4 (3) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (as amended) and/or successor legislation, ('the Order') will be on the

terms set out in the Loan Request Form including these declarations and in Regulations which are made under Article 3 of the Order.

- c** I acknowledge and agree that in the event that I have: (i) reached the age of 18 years; and (ii) have entered into one or more agreements for a loan under the Order (and relative secondary legislation) before I reached the age of 18 years, upon signing this declaration I am agreeing to ratify any and all such student loans. I understand that ratification of any agreement for a loan made with me before I reached the age of 18 years is a statutory precondition of my eligibility for student support after attaining the age of 18 years.
- d** I undertake to repay the lender any loan(s) made to me, together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply.
- e** I agree that any loan(s) made to me as a consequence of the acceptance of my application by the lender is a/are contract(s) between me and the lender which binds me from the payment to me of the first loan advance and that the repayment of any such loan(s), together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, will be due by me to the lender as a debt.
- f** I agree that I shall be obliged to make repayment of my loan(s), together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, to such address as shall be notified to me in writing and that any services in respect of my loan(s) may be provided at such address or other address(es) as the lender may from time to time determine and that the service of providing the loan is provided at the lender's principal address.
- g** I agree that any action for repayment and/or in respect of or in connection with my loan(s) and/or all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, will be brought before the ordinary civil courts and shall be governed by the general rules of civil procedure.
- h** I agree that my request for a loan, the loan and the contract between me and the lender shall be governed by the law of the place of my home address as stated in this form (or, if my address is outside the United Kingdom, the law of Northern Ireland).

- i I irrevocably agree that the courts of the part of the United Kingdom in which my home address stated in this form is situated (or the English, Scottish and Northern Ireland courts where my address is outside the United Kingdom) shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to hear any action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the loan and the contract between me and the lender and I irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of those courts and waive any objection to the jurisdiction of those courts, provided that this shall not limit the lender's rights to take proceedings against me in any other court of competent jurisdiction.
- j I agree that from the date I submit this form until the date when my loan(s), together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, is fully repaid I will notify the lender of any changes in the personal details (including National Insurance number) and contact details I have provided as required in accordance with the Regulations referred to in paragraph b.
- k In the event that I leave the United Kingdom to reside outside the United Kingdom or that for any other reason I am outside the UK tax system, I undertake to inform the lender in accordance with the Regulations referred to in paragraph b and I undertake to provide the lender with my new and any subsequent contact details until my loan, together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, is fully repaid.
- l I agree to take all future action requested by the lender and provide the lender with all information required to ensure repayment, in accordance with the Regulations referred to in paragraph b.

- m If I breach any of the terms under which any loan(s) will be made I agree that I will be obliged to pay any charges and penalties which may apply under the Education (Student Support) (NI) Order 1998 and the Regulations made under that Order, as amended from time to time or successor legislation and/or Regulations.
- n I understand that the Student Loans Company will check my National Insurance number and personal details with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). If I do not know my National Insurance number, or if the number I provide cannot be authenticated, DWP will trace and give my number to the lender.
- o If I have broken the terms of this contract I agree that the lender may share information held about me and my account with any person, including the government or a government agency of another country, who may assist in establishing my whereabouts and/or in taking action to recover outstanding loan amounts.

**Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)**


- I understand that any equipment I receive through DSAs must be used for my course of study and the Education Authority is not responsible for paying any repair costs.

Customer Reference Number

Your full name   
(in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Your signature

Today's date Day   / Month   / Year

You may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship from your university or college. Your university or college will ask for some information about you and your application to decide if you are eligible for a non-repayable bursary or scholarship. We will automatically share your information with your university or college so they can work out if you are eligible for these awards. 

If you **don't** want your details to be shared for this purpose, please tick this box

**Your decision about bursary and scholarship data sharing will not affect your entitlement to any other financial support available.**

Most universities and colleges won't pay bursaries or scholarships if you don't give consent to share your information.



# Application checklist

## 1 – Got everything we need?

You'll need to send all the supporting documents we've asked for **and** any additional forms you've been asked to complete. Send us your original birth or adoption certificate with a completed Applicant's Declaration of Identity form or your original passport. We can't process your application without them.

## 2 – Check your postage

Make sure what you're sending is weighed and the correct postage is fully paid.

**Remember to ask for proof of postage.**

## 3 – Return your application

Send us your completed application as soon as possible to make sure your funding is in place for the start of your course.

Send it to:

**Student Finance NI – part-time office  
Ballee Centre  
Ballee Road West  
Ballymena  
BT42 2HS**

## Voluntary Questions

The following questions are voluntary – you do not have to answer them. Whether or not you answer will not affect our assessment of your entitlement to financial support. If you answer both questions a and b, the information will be used to help the Department for Economy develop their policies in the future. Student Finance Northern Ireland will also use your answer to question b to improve their ability to deliver suitable and accessible educational services that meet the varied needs of their communities in the future.

**Religious Affiliation** I am a member of the Protestant Community   
I am a member of the Catholic Community   
I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Catholic Community

**Gender** Male  Female   
Transgender  Other

**Marital Status** Single  Married/Civil Partnership   
Separated  Divorced   
Widowed  Cohabiting   
Other (please specify)

**Carers** No caring responsibilities   
Care for own children   
Care for other relative   
Other (please specify)

**Disability** Do you consider yourself to have/have had a disability?   
If yes; what is, or was, the nature of the disability?

**Please indicate which ethnic group you consider yourself to belong to**

Chinese  Irish Traveller  Black/African Caribbean   
Indian  Pakistani  White   
Asian other (please specify)   
Other (please specify)

**Please tick the age category to which you belong**

16 – 24  25 – 34   
35 – 44  Over 45

Thank you for your co-operation.