# GUIDE TO FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

for full-time diploma students

**Academic Year 2024/25** 

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# How much will my education in NP cost?



**Tuition Fees** 

In tertiary education, school fees are referred to as tuition fees. Students enrolling in AY2024 and are receiving the MOE Tuition Grant pay the following:

### **Annual Subsidized Tuition Fees**

Singapore Citizens \$3,000 Singapore Permanent Residents \$6,200 International Students \$12,000\*

There are two semesters each year, and tuition fees are payable on a persemester basis. For example, Singaporean students need to make payment of \$1,500 for your tuition fees each semester. Students also need to pay for miscellaneous fees between \$60 to \$150 in the April semester each year.



**Education Expenses** 

Tuition fees may form the bulk of the cost, but there are also other expenses that students must consider and plan for.

Lecture Notes, Books and Supplies \$400
Transport to and from Campus \$540
Daily Lunch on Campus \$1,000

These costs are derived based on a conservative estimate and excludes the vacation period. The actual amount could be higher or lower depending on student's diploma, personal expenditure and lifestyle.



IT Devices To ensure that students graduate as self-directed learners and IT savvy citizens, each student is required to own an IT device. If you already own a device that complies with the minimum specifications for your diploma, you do not need to purchase a new one.

Windows Notebook
Apple MacBook

\$1,300 - \$1,900 \$2,000 - \$4,000

The costs above are prices quoted by NP-authorized vendors and may not include peripherals. For more information on the device requirements specific to your diploma, please visit np.edu.sg/notebook.

# Do I need to apply for the MOE Tuition Grant?

Tuition fees for full-time diploma programmes in NP are highly subsidized by the Tuition Grant scheme. All students, regardless of citizenship are eligible to receive it. Depending on citizenship, students may be required to serve a bond.

	Singapore Citizens (SC)	Singapore Permanent International Residents (SPR) Students (IS)		
Application Required	×	<b>✓</b>		
	Automatically awarded# the grant without need for an	<ol> <li>Indicate interest to apply during enrolment</li> <li>Apply in the MOE Tuition Grant portal</li> <li>Complete signing of Tuition Grant agreement</li> </ol>		
	application, will pay annual subsidized fees of \$3,000	Students who do not apply and/or sign the agreement within the stipulated application period will pay annual non-subsidized fees of over \$24,000. You will not be eligible for financial assistance.		
Repayment of Grant	×	<b>×</b>		
Bond Obligation	×	<b>✓</b>		
		Contractually obliged to work in a Singapore-based company for three years upon graduation		

For more information on the steps to apply, including the most up-to-date application period, please check **'tgonline.moe.gov.sg**. A compulsory briefing will be held in April 2024 with instructions sent by early May to all eligible students who have indicated interest to apply for the scheme during enrolment.

# What financial assistance schemes are there?

NP offers a range of financial assistance schemes that all NP students can apply for to finance their tuition fees and education expenses. We strive to ensure that no student is deprived of a quality education because of financial constraints.

### Tuition Fees

- MENDAKI Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy
- Post-Secondary Education Account
- ► CPF Education Loan Scheme
- ► Tuition Fee Loan

# **Education Expenses**

- Higher Education Community Bursary
- ► Higher Education Bursary
- ► Donor Bursary
- ► Donor & NP Student Aid Grant Top-up

### IT Devices

- ► Interest-Free Financing Loan
- Opportunity Fund Subsidy for Purchase of IT Devices

Students must be in receipt of the MOE Tuition Grant to be eligible for financial assistance.



<sup>#</sup>Students are required to complete a declaration. You will be automatically awarded only if you have not received the Tuition Grant previously for education in a polytechnic or a higher level of education.

### **Schemes for Tuition Fees**

The following schemes can cover up to 100% of the subsidized tuition fees payable.

# **MENDAKI Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy**

Yayasan MENDAKI provides subsidies that are bond-free and non-repayable to students of Malay descent.

### Who can apply?

- Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents of Malay descent
- ► Household Per Capita Income (PCI) less than \$2,000

### How to apply?

► Apply via the MENDAKI website during application period

### ☑ my.mendaki.org.sg

### **Other Information**

- One successful application will cover student's tuition fees (up to subsidized percentage) for the entire course of their study
- ▶ 100% subsidy if PCI less than \$1,400
- > 75% subsidy if PCI between \$1,401 and \$1,700
- > 50% subsidy if PCI between \$1,701 and \$2,000

# Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA)

Unused funds in a student's Edusave account is transferred to PSEA upon progression to tertiary education. It may be used for the payment of tuition fees and miscellaneous fees.

### Who can apply?

 Singapore Citizens who have a Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA)

### How to apply?

Submit the Standing Order form during application period

### ☑ go.gov.sg/psea-p2s

### Other Information

- The Standing Order will allow NP to use the funds in the account to pay for tuition fees for as long as there are funds available
- Students with Singapore Citizen siblings may also use the funds in their siblings' PSEA or Edusave accounts

### ☑ go.gov.sg/psea-so-sibling

## **CPF Education Loan Scheme**

Students who have or whose parents have sufficient funds in their CPF Ordinary Account (OA) can apply to borrow these funds to pay for tuition fees.

### Who can apply?

➤ Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents

### How to apply?

► Apply via the CPF website form during application period

### ☑ for.edu.sg/np-cpfels

### **Other Information**

- One successful application will cover student's tuition fees for the entire course of their study, subject to a withdrawal limit of 40% of the available balance in the account holder's OA
- Interest accrues from the time OA savings are withdrawn for payment
- Monthly repayment back to the account holder's OA commences one year after graduation from NP, and may be deferred further if student intends to further their studies

### Tuition Fee Loan

Under the Tuition Fee Loan scheme, students can borrow up to 75% of tuition fees, and is interest-free during the course of their study in NP.

### Who can apply?

► All full-time students diploma regardless of citizenship

### How to apply?

Apply via the DBS website form during application period

### ☑ for.edu.sg/np-tfl

### **Other Information**

- One successful application will cover student's tuition fees for the entire course of their study
- Requires a guarantor between 21 to 60 years old, who is not an undischarged bankrupt
- Interest accrues one month after graduation from NP, or one month after ORD for males who are required to serve NS
- Monthly repayment through GIRO deduction by DBS commences one year after graduation from NP, or one month after ORD for males who are required to serve NS



# Schemes for Education Expenses

Bursaries & Grants are available to every Singaporean student whose Per Capita Income is less than \$2,500, and can be used to pay for tuition fees and education expenses.



Nearly in 2 students receive financial assistance every year through Bursaries & Grants!

Type of Bursary or Grant	· · ·	Citizenship	Gross Household <sub>OR</sub> Per Capita Income (GHI) Income (PC	
Higher Education Community Bursary	Tier 1	Singapore Citizen	Less than \$3,000 Less than \$75	\$2,950
	Tier 2	Singapore Citizen	Between \$3,301 Between \$75 and \$4,400 and \$1,100	\$2,600
Higher Education Bursary	Tier 1	Singapore Citizen	Between \$4,401 Between \$1,10 and \$7,500 and \$1,875	)1 \$2,000
	Tier 2	Singapore Citizen	Between \$7,501 Between \$1,85 and \$10,000 and \$2,500	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Donor Student Aid Grants	· · ·	Singapore Citizen	Less than \$4,400 Less than \$1,10	00 \$400
	•	•	All recipients of the Higher Education Commu Bursary will receive a Student Aid Grant.	nity to \$1,500
Donor Bursary		<ul><li>✓ Singapore PR</li><li>✓ International</li><li>Student</li></ul>	PR: Less than \$4,400 PR: Less than \$1 IS: Less than \$3,000 IS: Less than \$7	. IO

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# How do I apply for Bursaries & Grants?

### When to apply?

- > Applications are open 4 times across the academic year
  - ► April, July, October and January
- ► Students are encouraged to apply early on in the year so that the bursary may be used for tuition fees and education expenses in the April semester

### How to apply?

- ▶ Apply via NPal Student Portal during the application period
- ▶ Obtain consent from family members to retrieve personal information
- ► Check NP Connect email for confirmation and/or request for additional information or documents from HOMES within 3 to 5 working days
- ▶ One application will cover all available schemes at the time of application

### ☑ for.edu.sg/np-bursaryguide

### **Disbursement of Funds**

- ▶ Approved applicants will receive the funds disbursed in two tranches
- ▶ Via GIRO credited to bank account, minus any outstanding tuition fees at point of disbursement

### Other Information

- ► The duration between application and outcome generally takes up to three months
- ▶ Bursaries & Grants are awarded once a year, and a fresh application is required for every year of study
- Repayment is not required, but applicants must not be in receipt of sponsorships or full scholarships
- ➤ Students who have applied for schemes for tuition fees may concurrently apply and receive Bursaries & Grants

### **Schemes for IT Devices**

Owning a IT device gives you the 'anytime, anywhere' flexibility to work on assignments, participate in online discussion, interact and collaborate with your classmates & tutors.

# Interest-Free Financing Loan

- Buy your device by using a bank loan
- ► Repay bank after graduation
- ✓ Windows Notebook
- ✓ Apple Notebook
- All Citizenships
- ✓ Gross Household Income (GHI) of less than \$4,400 or
  - Per Capita Income (PCI) of less than \$1,100
- ✓ Eligible students will have the Opportunity Fund Subsidy deducted off total loan amount repayable
- ✓ A guarantor is required to apply for the bank loan

# Opportunity Fund Subsidy

- Buy your device and pay for it upfront
- ► Receive partial reimbursement
- ✓ Windows Notebook
- Apple Notebook
- ✓ Singapore Citizen
- ✓ Gross Household Income (GHI) of less than \$4,400 or
  - Per Capita Income (PCI) of less than \$1,100
- ✓ Students will be reimbursed \$400 for purchasing a notebook
- ✓ Device must be purchased from an NP-authorized vendor



### How can I plan my finances?

Depending on your nationality, household income and available funding, students can use a combination of various schemes to pay for your tuition fees and support your education expenses.

My father owns a business and he earns about \$8,000 a month. My mother's a housewife and I have a younger sister. I wanted to use my father's CPF savings but it's not sufficient. What alternatives do I have?

- Adam. SC





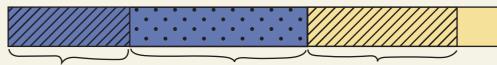
Tuition Fee Loan Covers 75% of tuition fees **Higher Education** Bursary

Adam can use the bursary to pay for the remaining 25% of tuition fees not covered by the loan.

My parents earn \$4,000 a month to support myself and my two younger siblings. To help my parents with my tuition fees, I occasionally work parttime but find myself having trouble with working and studying at the same time. What are the schemes I can apply to pay for my tuition fees and still have enough for my own expenses?

- Indranee. SC





Post-Secondary **Education Account** Subject to available funds in PSEA account

CPF Education Loan Scheme Subject to available funds in parent's CPF savings

Higher Education Community Bursary With this bursary, Indranee can work less part time and focus better on her studies.



Expenses



I'm living with my father and two younger siblings who are in primary school. We're Singaporean Malays, and my father is the sole breadwinner earning \$2,500 a month. What financial assistance schemes can I apply for?

- Ahmad, SC

**Tuition Fees** 

Payable

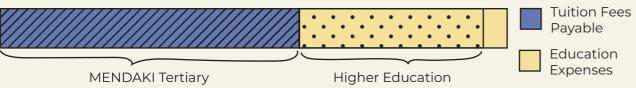
Education

Expenses



My sister and I are studying in Singapore, and my mother is a housewife. My father is working back in my home country to support us. He earns about \$3,000 a month. How can I get further assistance with my tuition fees?

- Jaime, Singapore PR



Tuition Fee Subsidy Covers 100% of tuition fees Community Bursary

Ahmad can use this as his daily allowance to offload his father's financial burden.



Tuition Fee Loan

Covers 75% of tuition fees

Donor Bursary Covers remaining 25% of tuition fees

Tuition Fees Payable

> Education Expenses

Charts depicting tuition fees payable and education expenses are not drawn to scale. Education expenses will differ between individual students.

# How will planning my finances change things?

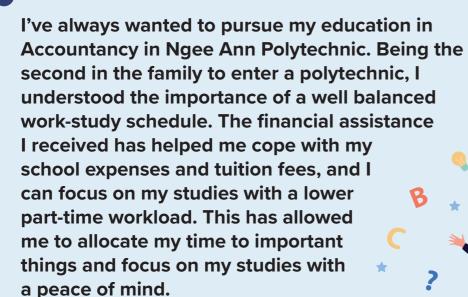
Hear from alumnus about why you should take the first step to plan your finances before you embark on your learning journey in NP.



With an elder sibling pursuing a University education, the bursaries I received during my education in NP helped in paying for my tuition fees and reducing a significant amount of financial burden on my parents. It allowed me to pursue the diploma of my choice, and granted me with the opportunity to focus more on my studies as I did not have to work part-time as frequently.

### **Elodie Tan**

Diploma in Tourism & Resort Management Class of 2020



### **Chloe Lee**

Diploma in Accountancy Class of 2020

### How do I pay my fees?

Fees not covered by financial assistance schemes will be billed to students twice a year. Below are the various ways students can make payment to NP for tuition fees.

### **GIRO Deduction**

The recommended mode of payment is by automatic GIRO deduction. By submitting a Direct Debit Authorization for NP to deduct money from the designated bank account, students do not have to worry about late payment. Please ensure that there are sufficient funds in the designated bank account on the stipulated deduction date. If an application for Direct Debit Authorization is not submitted, students must make payment in a timely manner by the stipulated due dates through the other methods listed below.

### **Credit or Debit Card**

This refers to online payment with major credit/debit cards (VISA and MasterCard). Log on to NPal Student Portal to do so.

### **PayNow**

Payment can be made via a preferred Internet Banking app. Follow the instructions on NPal Student Portal to do so.

To make payment using the above methods,

☑ Freshmen: enrol.np.edu.sg ☑ Current students: npalstudent.np.edu.sg

### Cash or Cheque @ OCBC

Go to any designated OCBC bank branch with your fee voucher for cash payment using a cash deposit slip. Retain the validated slip as proof of payment. Cheques payable to Ngee Ann Polytechnic can be dropped off at OCBC quick check deposit boxes. Indicate your name, student ID and NP's account no. 518-715297-001 on the cash deposit slip or behind the cheque.



# Important Dates April Semester

MAR (O) **TO APR** 

### **Apply for Financial Assistance**

Research your education expenses and decide which financial assistance schemes you want to apply for. Apply and complete your application promptly.

### END APR (O)

### **Deadline for Applications for Financial Assistance**

The deadlines will differ between schemes, so check the Financial Aid website for the exact dates and latest updates.

### MID JUN (O)

### **Deduction from Approved Schemes**

NP will arrange to deduct tuition fees payable from the following financial assistance schemes. If you have applied and been approved for multiple schemes, the deduction will be made in accordance to the priority below.

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### MID JUN (O)

### **Check Fee Voucher**

Check your fee voucher, confirm outstanding tuition fees payable and note payment due date. Ensure there are sufficient funds in the bank account for deduction through interbank GIRO on the due date indicated.

### #END JUN (Q)

### **Fees Payment Due Date & GIRO Deduction**

NP will deduct the outstanding tuition fees payable shown on the fee voucher. If an interbank GIRO application was not made, arrange to make payment.

### END JUN (O)

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### **Disbursement of Bursaries and Grants**

The first tranche of Bursaries & Grants are disbursed to students, if there is a balance after the deduction of tuition fees payable from approved schemes. Credit dates and other updates will be sent to successful applicants' NP Connect email account.

### **October Semester**

### OCT (O) Apply for Financial Assistance

If you missed the application period in the April semester, applications reopen in the October semester. Note that approved applications in the October semester will not be backdated for payment of outstanding April semester fees.

### END OCT (O)

### **Deadline for Applications for Financial Assistance**

The deadlines will differ between schemes, so check the Financial Aid website for the exact dates and latest updates.

### MID DEC (O)

### **Deduction from Approved Schemes**

NP will arrange to deduct tuition fees payable from the following financial assistance schemes. If you have applied and been approved for multiple schemes, the deduction will be made in accordance to the priority below.

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#### MID DEC (O)

### **Check Fee Voucher**

Check your fee voucher, confirm outstanding tuition fees payable and note payment due date. Ensure there are sufficient funds in the bank account for deduction through interbank GIRO on the due date indicated.

### #END DEC (O)

### **Fees Payment Due Date & GIRO Deduction**

NP will deduct the outstanding tuition fees payable shown on the fee voucher. If an interbank GIRO application was not made, arrange to make payment.

### END DEC (O)

### **Disbursement of Bursaries and Grants**

The second tranche of Bursaries & Grants are disbursed to students, if there is a balance after the deduction of tuition fees payable from approved schemes. Credit dates and other updates will be sent to successful applicants' NP Connect email account.

#For the most up-to-date information, please visit np.edu.sg/coursefees 15



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### **Tuition Fees & Payment**

Finance Office fin\_student@np.edu.sg

For the most up-to-date information on tuition fees, log on to

np.edu.sg/coursefees



### **Financial Assistance**

Student & Alumni Services askSAS@np.edu.sg

For the most up-to-date information on financial assistance schemes, log on to **np.edu.sg/financialaid** 

