

# Bursary and Further Financial Support at University

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Low-income Grants / Scholarships / Bursaries and other financial support

# Session Today

1. Low-income Grants / Scholarships
2. Other financial support / Scholarships / Bursaries

These payments are on top of the usual student loan / maintenance loans given by Student Finance.

# 1. Low Income Grants / Scholarships

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\* A low-income scholarship is **paid in instalments**, while a bursary or grant will be a **one-off payment** near the start of your course.

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\* You may receive funding for your first year only, or for each year of your course.

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\* This money can go towards your **general living or study costs**, and you can decide how you spend this.

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\* Some forms of low-income support may reduce your annual tuition fees, or come with additional benefits, like discounted accommodation, or career-building opportunities.

Low-income bursaries can be awarded as part of the Student Finance process...

Applying for a low income scholarship, bursary, or grant is relatively simple – it can happen as part of your Student Finance application.

Your university will access your household income from your student finance body, to make their decision. They will contact you if you're eligible for any low-income support.

You must make sure that – household income is submitted as part of the Student Finance application. (Make sure to apply every year)

## 2. Other Financial Support / Scholarships / Bursaries

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There are also other funds that students could be eligible to apply for - **but the students / parent need to find them, the funds will not automatically be applied.**

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*Many organisations offering scholarships, grants or bursaries, struggle to attract enough applicants at times.*

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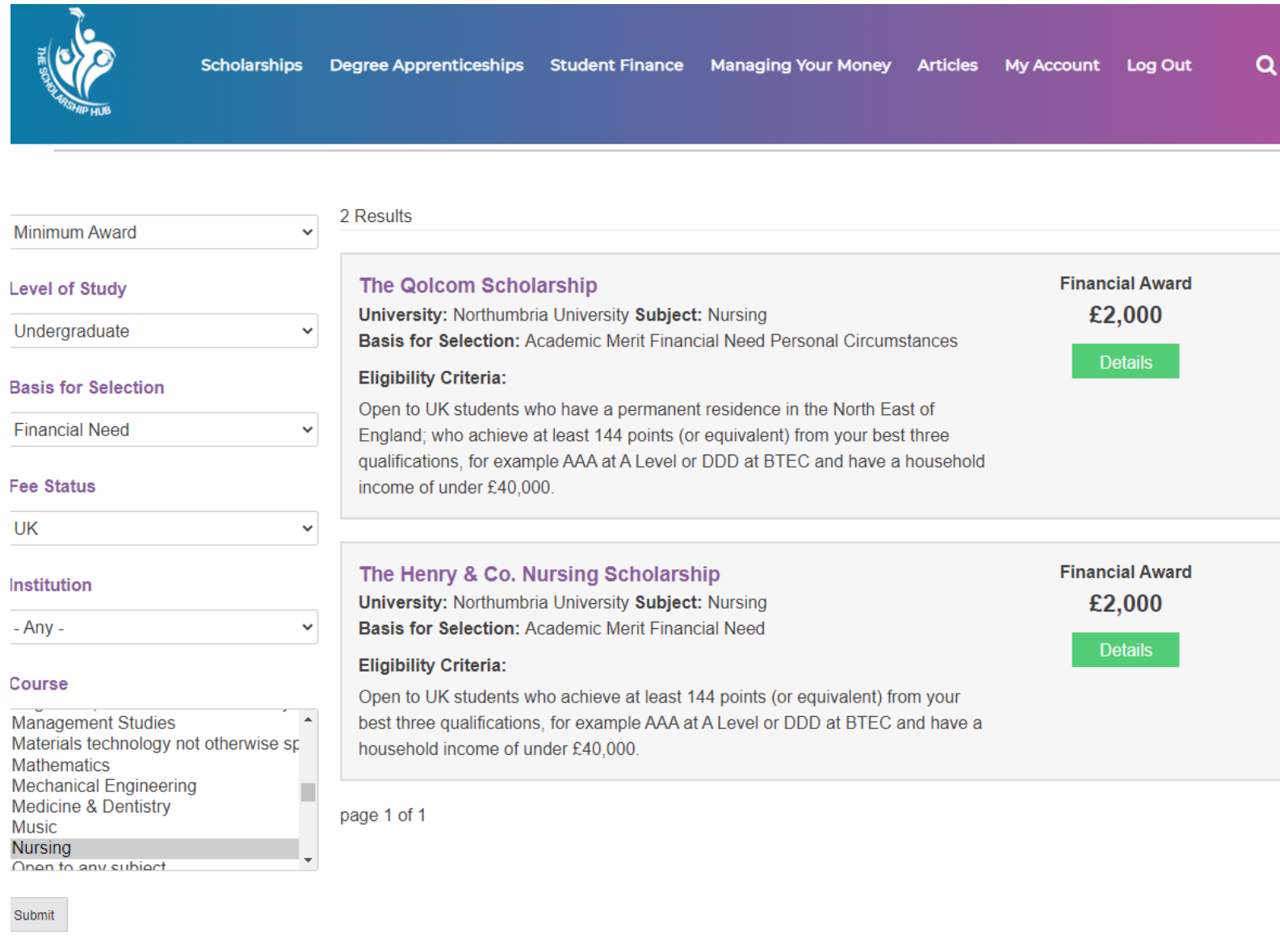
Make this part of the application process...

# Where to start looking for scholarships, bursaries and grants?

1. Check with the **university directly** – look at the extra funding offered by your university choices (ask at Open Days or contact them directly)
2. Look at **subject choices** – most are awarded for academic, sporting or musical achievements, those studying particular subjects or as part of a widening participation initiative.
3. Look at **employers** who are running scholarship schemes
4. Look at **charities** and **specialist interest groups**
5. Check the **Scholarship Hub** website...

# The Scholarship Hub

- Use the filter tool to search for specific needs / courses / institutions.
- Always put in undergraduate for level of study.



The screenshot shows the 'The Scholarship Hub' website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with the logo and links for Scholarships, Degree Apprenticeships, Student Finance, Managing Your Money, Articles, My Account, and Log Out. Below the navigation bar is a search filter tool with several dropdown menus: Minimum Award, Level of Study (set to Undergraduate), Basis for Selection (set to Financial Need), Fee Status (set to UK), Institution (set to - Any -), and Course (with a list of options including Management Studies, Materials technology not otherwise sp, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine & Dentistry, Music, Nursing, and Open to any subject). A 'Submit' button is located below the course list. To the right of the filters, it says '2 Results'. The first result is 'The Qolcom Scholarship' from Northumbria University, with a financial award of £2,000. The second result is 'The Henry & Co. Nursing Scholarship' also from Northumbria University, with a financial award of £2,000. Both results include eligibility criteria and a 'Details' button. The page number 'page 1 of 1' is visible at the bottom.

2 Results

**Minimum Award** [Dropdown]

**Level of Study**  
Undergraduate [Dropdown]

**Basis for Selection**  
Financial Need [Dropdown]

**Fee Status**  
UK [Dropdown]

**Institution**  
- Any - [Dropdown]

**Course**  
Management Studies  
Materials technology not otherwise sp  
Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Medicine & Dentistry  
Music  
Nursing  
Open to any subject [Dropdown]

Submit

**The Qolcom Scholarship** **Financial Award £2,000**  
**University:** Northumbria University **Subject:** Nursing  
**Basis for Selection:** Academic Merit Financial Need Personal Circumstances  
**Eligibility Criteria:**  
Open to UK students who have a permanent residence in the North East of England; who achieve at least 144 points (or equivalent) from your best three qualifications, for example AAA at A Level or DDD at BTEC and have a household income of under £40,000. [Details](#)

**The Henry & Co. Nursing Scholarship** **Financial Award £2,000**  
**University:** Northumbria University **Subject:** Nursing  
**Basis for Selection:** Academic Merit Financial Need  
**Eligibility Criteria:**  
Open to UK students who achieve at least 144 points (or equivalent) from your best three qualifications, for example AAA at A Level or DDD at BTEC and have a household income of under £40,000. [Details](#)

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# Useful Links

- UCAS
- <https://www.ucas.com/finance/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries>
  
- The Scholarship Hub
- <https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/log-in/>