

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS?

In the Army, we use 'scholarship' to describe the funding we give in the sixth form, and 'bursary' to describe the funding we give for university.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ARMY BURSARY?

First, you must apply to join the Army through the online application process, telling us early on that you are interested in a bursary or scholarship. You will go either through the Officer or Soldier selection process, depending on which bursary you wish to apply for. You must apply early enough in your degree to allow time to get through selection, or you can apply in your gap year.

DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE ARMY AFTER I GRADUATE?

You must join the Army when you graduate and complete at least four years – as a Regular (full-time), not a Reservist. You can change your mind, but you will need to pay back any money you received.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN OFFICER AND A SOLDIER?

Officers are selected and trained as leaders, and go straight into leadership roles after training. Soldiers train to become experts in their trade, and work towards promotion into leadership and management roles.

DOES THE ARMY OFFER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS?

The Army does not currently offer degree apprenticeships in entry-level roles. However, there are many roles in the Army where you can get a degree as part of your training, with fees fully paid for. See Soldier Student Nurse page 07 and Fully Funded Degrees page 09.

FUND UNIVERSITY WITH A CAREER THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

MEDICAL BURSARIES UP TO £75,000

UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES UP TO £25,000

FULLY FUNDED DEGREES



THE ARMY INVESTS IN ITS PEOPLE. COULD IT INVEST IN YOU?

The cost of university can seem daunting, but the Army has many ways to help students like you fund your education.

Once you have graduated, you will start an exciting career in the Army, without such a large burden of student debt.

There are opportunities for development and learning for everyone in the Army. Here, you'll find out about the support for degree-level qualifications before or just after you start your Army career. Some of these financial awards are available to potential Officers, some to potential Soldiers, it depends on your job role once you join the Army.

EARN OVER £20,000 AFTER TRAINING AS A SOLDIER

EARN OVER £32,700 AFTER TRAINING AS AN OFFICER

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OFFICER ENTRY



Tahir: "Having a Scholarship reduces the financial pressure of studying."

SCHOLARSHIP

If you have your heart set on becoming an Officer and are still at school, the Army has a scheme to support you through school and university. The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme (AOSS) is offered to high quality students who have the potential to make excellent Army Officers.

Apply before March in Year 12/S5/Lower Sixth. If you're successful, you'll be given an award of **£3,000** when you're in Year 13 (S6 or Y14).

At university you'll get a Standard Bursary worth **£6-7,000**. You can apply to upgrade to another bursary such as an Enhanced, Technical or Medical Bursary if you are eligible.

You'll have your career as an Army Officer secured for when you've finished your education.

Army Scholarship



FAQ: CAN YOU UPGRADE TO ANOTHER BURSARY IF YOU ARE AWARDED AN ARMY SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes – you automatically get the Standard Bursary if you are awarded a Scholarship. If you are eligible, you can apply to upgrade to a Technical, Enhanced or Medical Bursary once you are at university.

OFFICER ENTRY

ARMY UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

Are you at university or about to go, and looking for an employer who will help you meet the costs of studying?

Apply as a student to be an Army Officer, and we could give you financial support while at university. When you graduate, you will start your Army career training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

You should apply to be an Officer before your final year at university in order to be considered for a bursary. It can take 6-12 months to go through the Army Officer selection process, so apply as early as possible to get through to the Army Officer Selection Board. After selection as an Army Officer, you will be considered for a Bursary. If you are successful, your payments are split across your remaining years of study.



STANDARD

£6,000/£7,000 for students on a three/four-year degree course. If you apply in your final year, you will get the full amount as a single payment.



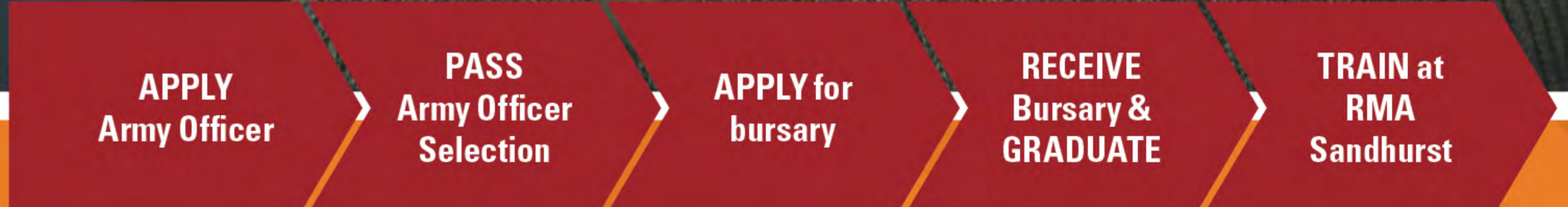
TECHNICAL

£25,000 for students on STEM degree courses wishing to commission into the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Royal Logistic Corps or Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. If you are in your final year, you will get a single £25,000 payment.



ENHANCED

For students with 128 UCAS Points from 3 A levels or an equivalent qualification. £24,000 when awarded in your first or second year of study; £15,000 when awarded in your final year.



CASE STUDY ELLIE – TECHNICAL BURSARY

“I was awarded a Scholarship, and then I applied to upgrade to the Technical Bursary – I’m now at Sandhurst training to be an Officer. The Bursary helped me with my rent and university expenses, and it also meant **I could afford to go travelling – I went to South America last summer.** I’m hoping to join the Royal Signals and get involved in cyber warfare.”

FAQ: ARE OFFICER ARMY UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES ONLY GIVEN TO EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATES?

If you have passed Army Officer Selection, then you are an exceptional candidate with great leadership potential. Anyone who has passed Officer selection before the December of their final year at university is eligible to be considered for a bursary.

MEDICAL BURSARIES



Could you be a nurse, dentist, doctor or vet in the Army?

We could help fund your study and training with a bursary of up to £75,000.

OFFICER ENTRY

MEDICAL, VETERINARY, DENTAL STUDENTS

Apply in your first or second year of your degree. You could receive **£10,000** (£5,000 for Vet students) in each of the final three years of your studies, work your foundation years as a medical cadet, and receive a lump sum of **£45,000** when you complete the short course at RMA Sandhurst.

SOLDIER ENTRY OFFICER ENTRY

NURSING STUDENTS

There are two ways to fund your nursing degree: either with a Nurse Bursary, or by studying nursing as a Soldier. (See page 07)

You can apply for an Army Nursing Bursary with an unconditional offer to study nursing (at a University of your choice) and you'll receive a **£5,000** bursary per year. During the application process you will decide whether you wish to enter as an Officer or a Soldier. The bursary amount is the same. Upon completion of your initial military training, you will receive a lump sum of **£27,000**.

Army Medical Bursary

APPLY at University

PASS Selection for medical bursary

RECEIVE Bursary

GRADUATE & complete Foundation Years

Military Training and get lump sum



CASE STUDY AMELIA - MEDICAL BURSARY - JUNIOR DOCTOR

"The Medical Bursary has been amazing for me. I was in a much better financial position leaving university than my NHS colleagues. **Not only did I get the £10,000 each of the last three years of my degree, but I get paid more in my Foundation Years too which I am doing in an NHS hospital.** If you are thinking about a career in medicine or healthcare, doing it with the Army is much more beneficial."

SOLDIER ENTRY

SOLDIER STUDENT NURSE

As a soldier studying nursing, not only will your tuition fees be paid by the Army, but you'll earn a yearly salary of around **£21,000**.

After applying to become a Soldier, you will then complete basic Soldier training, before starting a BSc (Hons) in Adult or Mental Health Nursing at Birmingham City University. You'll need at least 120 UCAS points and meet the eligibility requirements of the BSc.

Army Nurse

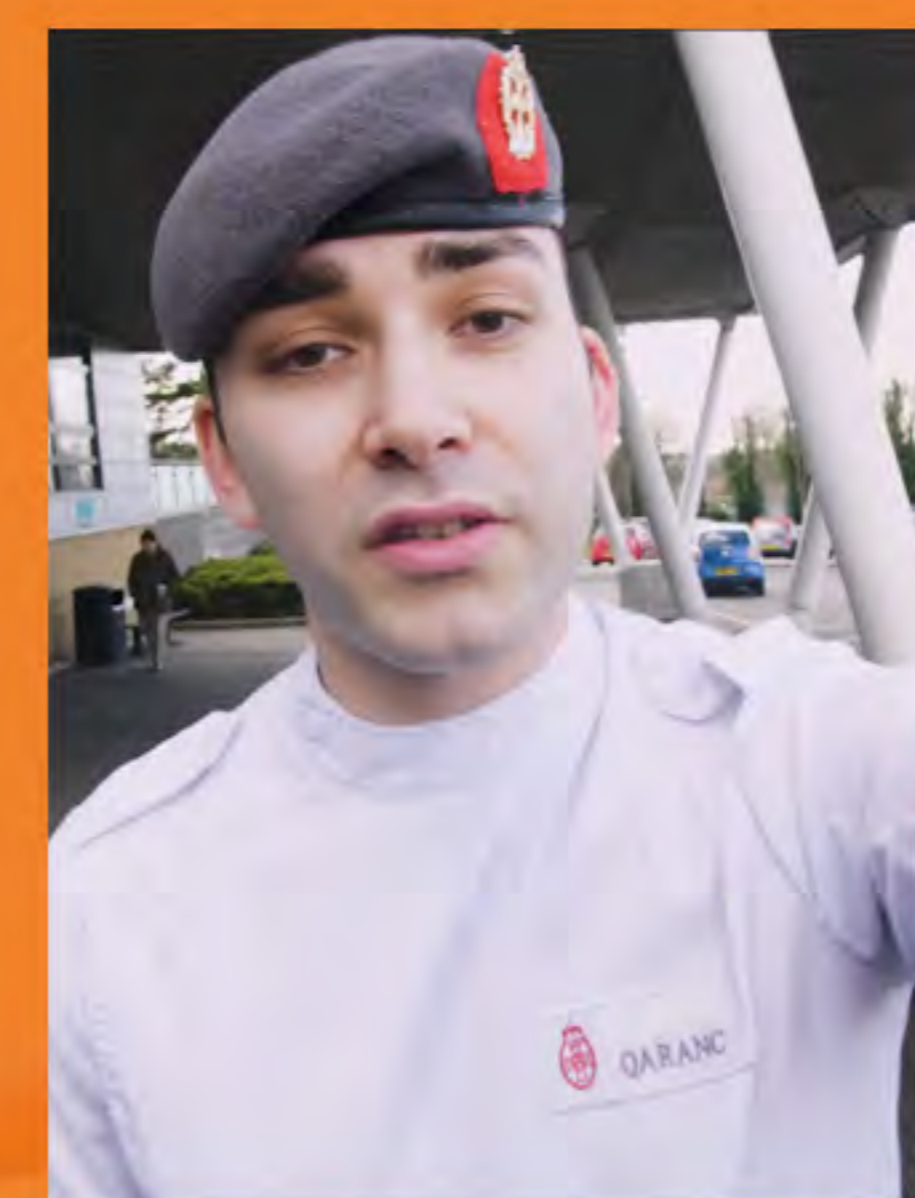


APPLY to be a Soldier Student Nurse

COMPLETE Soldier Basic Training

STUDY nursing degree as a Soldier

GRADUATE and work as an Army Nurse



CASE STUDY GEORGE - ARMY NURSE

"I did my degree in Adult Nursing at Birmingham City University, which the Army paid for as well as giving me a wage. **This meant I graduated with no student debt.**

I'm now working in an NHS hospital, but about to deploy overseas."

In Army Medical Services, you can also get a fully-funded degree whilst on a soldier's salary in these job roles: **Biomedical Scientist, Environmental Health Technician and Radiographer.**

Army Jobs

We could sponsor you up to £9,250 per year

SOLDIER ENTRY

MUSIC BURSARY

Are you an aspiring musician, looking for an exciting and varied career with music performance at its heart? We could sponsor you up to **£9,250** per year, if you are studying a BMus in performance at a university or conservatoire.

As an Army Musician, you will be paid to perform at famous, high-profile events in the UK and all over the world; playing everything from classical, jazz and contemporary, to military marching music.

[Army Musician](#) 

NEW

MUSIC BURSARY

APPLY online: Army Musician

PASS music audition & Soldier selection

RECEIVE bursary at UNIVERSITY

START initial Army training



FULLY FUNDED

OFFICER ENTRY

OFFICER FULLY FUNDED DEGREE

Instead of heading off to university, you can get a fully-funded degree with the Army. Your 44 weeks' training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst counts towards a BSc in Leadership and Strategic Studies, from the Henley Business School, University of Reading. You'll carry on with your studies as your career continues beyond the Academy and you will not have to pay any fees.

If you've already got a degree, you could apply for a place on the Army's Masters programme. This follows the same path as above but earns you a MSc in Leadership and Strategic Studies, at the start of your Army career.

[Degrees while you serve](#) 

[Army Higher Education Pathway](#) 

APPLY to be an Army Officer

PASS Army Officer Selection

APPLY for the scheme at RMA Sandhurst

SERVE as an Army Officer

COMPLETE the BSc/MSc over 3-5 years

There are also many opportunities to study for a degree as a Soldier, for example, as a **Biomedical Scientist, Environmental Health Technician, Geographic Technician or Radiographer.**

[Army Jobs](#)



Apply as a Soldier, gain an Apprenticeship and work towards higher diploma or degree-level qualifications during your career

Apply to be an Officer and you can work towards a fully-funded degree

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Do you want to go to university?

Minimum UCAS Requirements:
• Officer roles: **72 UCAS Points**
• Soldier Nurse, Radiographer, Biomedical Scientist: **120 UCAS Points**
(Other academic requirements may also apply)

Are you interested in a degree in: Nursing, Radiography, Biomedical Science, or Music?

Are you in Year 12?

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Are you in university or about to go?

HOW CAN THE ARMY HELP FUND MY DEGREE?

Do you want to serve in one of the 4 Tech Corps? (RE, RSigs, RLC, REME)

Apply for the Standard Bursary

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Have you got 128 UCAS points?

Are you studying a STEM degree?

Are you studying medicine/ dentistry/ veterinary medicine?