**University of South Wales Gwent Scholarship 2022/23\***

*\*The University of South Wales scholarships and bursaries are offered on the basis that they are potentially subject to change. The University also reserves the right to limit the number of scholarships and bursaries available.*

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Who is eligible?**

To be eligible, you will need to:

* Be a UK home student liable for the UK home rate of tuition fees and eligible for Student Finance from Student Finance Wales.
* Apply for a full time USW undergraduate degree, entering year 1 based at a USW campus starting in September 2022 by 1st April 2022
* Make us your firm choice by 1st May 2022
* Be a resident at a NP postcode at time of applying for a course at USW
* Achieved at least 128 UCAS points (equivalent to grades ABB) at A Level or equivalent
* Be enrolled on a full time eligible course at the time of payment

**How do you apply?**

There is no separate application form. You will be automatically considered for the scholarship if you fulfil the full criteria listed above.

**How much is the scholarship worth?**

You will receive £1000 paid directly into your bank account by BACS when the award is confirmed in February 2023.

The Student Money Advice Team will contact eligible students in January 2023 with information on how to submit bank details.

**Please note**: Eligible students must be in good academic and financial standing with the University at point of payment e.g. they must not be a debtor without a payment plan.

**What qualifications are taken into consideration for the scholarship?**

To be considered for the scholarship you must have achieved **at least 128 UCAS points** (equivalent to grades ABB) at A level or equivalent from a maximum of three qualifications.

The following Level 3 qualifications will be taken into consideration when assessing eligibility for the scholarship: A levels, BTEC, Welsh Baccalaureate, Access, Cambridge Technical, International Baccalaureate, Scottish Highers, AQA, CACHE, City & Guilds, Foundation Studies Art & Design, NCFE, OCR, Pearson, Rock School, Irish Leaving Certificate, UAL, VTCT, WJEC Diploma & Certificate.

*At USW we consider applications on an individual basis and for the majority of our courses\* we are able to issue individual offers based on your academic profile.  When we receive your examination results we consider the whole application, not just the final grades, before making a decision – therefore your GCSE and Level 2 results, reference, statement and relevant working experience are just as important as your final grades.*

*\*excludes Nursing and Midwifery courses, Chiropractic, Medical Sciences, Social Work, MComp in Computing subjects and BEng/MEng in Engineering subjects.*

**How will I know if I am successful?**

The Student Money Advice Team will notify you at the beginning of September 2022 if you are eligible for the scholarship. The scholarships team will contact you via the email address listed on your application for the course.

If you have not received confirmation of the scholarship by Friday 9th September 2022 and believe you have met the full eligibility criteria, please email scholarships@southwales.ac.uk

**Please note:** the award will be confirmed in February 2023 to all students that have remained eligible for the scholarship.

**Do I have to be enrolled on an eligible course at the time of payment?**

Yes.

**Will I receive payment in subsequent years on my course?**

No, this scholarship is payable in your first year only.

**I meet the criteria for the Gwent Scholarship and another University of South Wales scholarship or bursary – can I receive more than one scholarship or bursary?**

Yes.

**I was going to apply to the University for 2022 entry but am now considering a gap year, will I still be eligible?**

If you are planning to start your course in September 2023, you will need to check the details of any bursary or scholarship scheme available to new students starting in September 2023 and fulfil the eligibility criteria relating to that scheme, including making an application if necessary.

**What courses are eligible?**

All full time undergraduate honours degrees starting September 2022 at year 1 will be considered for the scholarship .

**Please note the scholarship is not applicable to students starting an HND/HNC, CERT HE, Foundation Degree, top up year(s) or non-honours degrees.**

**What happens if I transfer courses in my first year?**

You will still be eligible to receive payment at the intended time if you transfer to another eligible course.

**I am currently undertaking a foundation year at the University of South Wales – am I eligible?**

No. The scholarship is only for new students starting a new full time eligible undergraduate honours degree in September 2021.

**I am a part time student; will I be eligible?**

No. The scholarship is only for new students starting a new full time eligible undergraduate honours degree in September 2022.

**I am a continuing undergraduate student; will I be eligible?**

No. The scholarship is only for new students starting a new full time eligible undergraduate honours degree in September 2022.

**What happens if I interrupt or withdraw from my studies at the University?**

If you leave the University before payment in February 2023, you will not be eligible to receive the scholarship payment.

If you decide to leave the University after your payment has been made, you are entitled to keep the payment.

**If I receive an overpayment, will I have to repay it?**

Yes. By accepting any payments you are agreeing to repay any amounts that are subsequently found to be overpayments or incorrect payments. Any overpayments that are not repaid will result in the debt being referred to the University Finance department and appropriate action taken.

**Can I appeal against any decisions regarding my eligibility?**

All students have the right to appeal decisions made by the Student Money Advice Team regarding their eligibility for the Gwent Scholarship. Full details regarding the Scholarship / Bursary Appeal process are available here: <http://www.southwales.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarship-bursary-appeal-process/>