Before completing the Application Form for the University of Kent National Scholarship Programme please read these guidance notes very carefully.

This application form only needs to be completed by students who meet all of the following:

- new full-time students starting in the 2014 / 2015 academic year
- meet ALL of the eligibility criteria for the University of Kent National Scholarship Programme (NSP) EXCEPT from the postcode
- can evidence that they live in social housing

Students can check their eligibility using the online student support calculator on the University website:

http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/funding/undergraduate/support-calculator/2014/index.html

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2014**

In order to qualify, students must meet the National NSP criteria, as set out by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), points 64-72, plus they must meet ALL of the following criteria set by the University as set out below:

- Students must be registered on a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Kent and the tuition fees for that programme must be £9,000. Students on courses where the tuition fees are lower than £9,000, including students from franchise and associate colleges, will not be considered for an award
- Students must be ordinarily resident in England
- Students are from a household where the annual income is less than £42,620 per year
- Students will be state educated
- Students made an application to the University of Kent by the UCAS deadline of 15 January 2014. Should sufficient funds be available, the University reserves the right to give consideration to those who submit an application after this date; at this point the University may take into account whether a candidate is the first in family to attend University.

Students must also meet one of the following criteria:

- Your household is located in an area that traditionally has had low levels of participation in higher education as defined by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). A list of postcodes and their classification by participation (POLAR) can be found on the HEFCE website (See zip file under: Look-up between unit postcode and the POLAR3 and the HE-qualified adult classification of 2001 Census Area Statistics wards). Awards are made to students who fall into quintiles 1, 2 and 3.
- You live in social housing
- You are an eligible care leaver or you were in a Foyer or 'homeless' before the start of your course. See care leaver eligibility criteria.
- You are eligible for Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSA).
Evidence of these criteria will be collected from the candidate’s UCAS application and their student finance application to Student Finance England. Evidence should be maintained by the applicant to meet University audit requirements which may include in year spot checks. Successful applicants will be informed that they have met the University’s criteria for the financial support package once the University is in receipt of all relevant information.

Candidates must remain in satisfactory academic standing, as set out in point 6.2.2 of the Undergraduate scholarships and bursaries terms and conditions, whilst at the University and demonstrate continued eligibility on the basis of household income as assessed by Student Finance England in order to receive the financial support package in subsequent years.

**University of Kent Application Procedures**

Eligible full-time students will need to make an application and provide evidence that they live in social housing to the Financial Aid Office if they believe they meet all other eligibility criteria.

Applications can be submitted once students are registered on their course. Application forms will be available from the Financial Aid Office from 14 August 2014.

**Please note that applications can only be assessed once the income assessment process by Student Finance England (SFE) has been finalised.**

If the information provided with the application is insufficient then a request will be made for additional backup information.

No award will be granted until all relevant documentation has been received and agreed.

Applicants will be informed whether they have met the University’s criteria for the financial support package by letter once the University is in receipt of all relevant information.

For an application form or any further information please contact:

Financial Aid Office, Room G43 Registry.

T: 01227 823488 / 824876 / 823851

E: FinancialAid@kent.ac.uk

**Check list of supporting documentation:**

- A copy of your tenancy agreement
  
  Or

- Other evidence to support your application