

### Student Fees

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# Open University Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund 2026/27

- Eligible applicants resident in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland may apply for a scholarship to fund their Open University studies, up to a maximum of 120 credits per academic year, 360 credits in total.
- The Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund is open for all module presentations which commence in the 2026/27 academic year (1 August 2026 – 31 July 2027).
- Before making an application please ensure you have read the full Terms and Conditions available at <https://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding/disabled-veterans-scholarship-fund>.
- Please note: Scholarship funds are limited. There are a maximum of 30 awards available for 2026/27.
- Fulfilling the eligibility criteria does not guarantee you success. To ensure fairness eligible applicants will be selected at random up to the maximum number of scholarships available.
- **Applications for the 2026/27 academic year will close at midday on 15 July 2026 – Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.**

## Completing the application

To be included in the selection process you must complete this application form correctly and in full, providing supporting evidence where required.

### Section 1: Your details

#### 1.1

Open University Personal Identifier (If you have one)

Date of birth

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

Postcode

Nationality

Email address

Telephone number

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must meet **all** of the following the criteria:

- You are ordinarily resident in the UK and are eligible to pay a UK fee
- You have a disability which arose during, or as a result of, serving for the British military
- You are either a new or returning student to The Open University
- You intend to study towards an Open University qualification or a standalone module starting in the 2026/27 academic year (1 August 2026 – 31 July 2027)

Please note: Scholarship funds are limited. There are a maximum of 30 awards available for the 2026/27 academic year. To ensure all eligible applicants have an equal chance of success, we will use a random selection method to make awards up to the maximum number of scholarships available. **Successful applicants will be contacted by 31 July 2026.** There is no right to appeal for unsuccessful applicants.

Fulfilling the eligibility criteria does not guarantee you success. If you still plan to study with The Open University even if unsuccessful in applying for a scholarship, you will need to make sure you have an alternative payment method in place. Further information is available on our Fees and Funding page: <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding>. If you are planning on applying for any additional support, such as **Disabled Students' Allowance**, it is advisable to apply as early as possible to ensure all support is in place ready for when you commence study.

## Section 2: Your Open University study

### 2.1 Please give the subject and level of study you are interested in.

Subject

Undergraduate

Postgraduate Note: Research study e.g. a PHD is not permitted under this scheme.

### 2.2 If you are intending to study towards a qualification and know which one, please give the name or code of the qualification. If you are not sure or if you intend to study a module only you are not required to complete section 2.2.

Qualification name or code

### 2.3 What is your career motivation?

Move into employment since leaving the Armed Forces.

Change into a new career area.

Develop or progress in current career.

I am not studying for career purposes (go to Section 3).

Other, please specify:

### 2.4 If you are pursuing a career change, what areas or new career paths are of interest to you?

## Section 3: Your eligibility for a Scholarship

### 3.1 Disabled status

Do you have a disability which arose during, or as a result of, military service?

**Yes**                      **No (you are not eligible for a scholarship)**

### 3.2 Your disability

Please explain what disability or disabilities you have and the type of support you may require.

### 3.3 Which of the British Armed Forces did you serve in?

British Army

Royal Navy

Royal Marines

Royal Air Force

Rank

Service Number

### 3.4 Supporting evidence

We require evidence from a third party to confirm that your disability arose during, or as a result of, military service.

**NOTE: We will not be able to accept your application if you have not provided sufficient evidence.**

What supporting documentation have you provided with your application as evidence of your disability?

Letter from your GP

Confirmation of medical discharge

Other

## Section 4: Previous Applicants

We have reserved 3 scholarships for applicants who have previously made an application and were deemed eligible but were not chosen in the selection.

### 4.1 Have you applied for a Disabled Veterans' Scholarship before?

Yes (please confirm which years you applied)

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

No

If you do not complete this section previous applications will not be considered.

## Section 5: Computing Requirements

### 5.1 To study you will need broadband internet access and a desktop or laptop computer with an up-to-date version of Windows (10 or 11) or macOS (11 'Big Sur' or higher). Please complete the section below to confirm which of the following you currently have.

PC/Laptop including an up-to-date version of Windows (10 or 11) or macOS (11 'Big Sur' or higher)

Broadband internet access

Your answers in this section will not affect your eligibility for a scholarship or your prospects of selection. We are asking for this information to check you have digital access. If you are selected for a scholarship and don't already have digital access, we will offer support to ensure you can start your studies successfully.

## Section 6: Terms and Conditions

### 6.1 I confirm that I have read, understood and accept the Terms and Conditions (available at <https://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding/disabled-veterans-scholarship-fund>) for applying for an Open University Disabled Veterans' Scholarship.

## Section 7: Declaration

### 7.1 Read the declaration below carefully before signing it.

- The information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I have read the Terms and Conditions and I understand the conditions of receiving an Open University Disabled Veterans' Scholarship.
- I understand that the university may share limited information about me with those funding the scheme.
- I understand that if I am offered a scholarship but the university is unable to contact me to confirm my readiness to study before my course begins, I will forfeit my scholarship and it may be reallocated.
- I will inform The Open University immediately of any change in my circumstances that might affect my entitlement to an Open University Disabled Veterans' Scholarship.
- I understand that if I give The Open University false information, or fail to give complete information, I may be prosecuted and my scholarship withdrawn.
- I understand that The Open University will award scholarships by random selection and that there is no right of appeal should my application be unsuccessful.

**Your signature** (If completing electronically, typed signatures are accepted). **Date**

## Section 8: Consent to contact

The Open University Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund is funded by philanthropic donations. If your application is successful, we may wish to contact you inviting you to attend events with donors and other recipients or to share your story for the purposes of promoting the scheme for the benefit of other students. We will not use personal data of any persons in any materials without prior consent. Your answers in this section will not affect your eligibility for a scholarship or your prospects of selection.

### 8.1 If my application is successful, I consent to The Open University contacting me regarding promotional events and material.

**Yes**      **No**

### 8.2 Where did you hear about the Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund?

On The Open University website

Through an organisation for veterans, please specify:

In the media (e.g. newspaper article)

Other, please specify:

### **8.3 What would a Disabled Veterans' Scholarship mean to you?**

To allow us to continue to run this truly valuable scheme we need to continue our fundraising efforts. We find that quotes or stories really help with this. Could you tell us how you think a scholarship could affect your life and future plans? What will it enable you to do? How do you feel about studying with the OU? All direct quotations will be anonymised, unless otherwise agreed. [Note: the answer to this question will not affect your chances of selection].

## Section 9: Application survey

To help us gather information about whether this scheme is making a difference, it would be helpful if you could answer the following questions as part of your application. If you are successful in securing a scholarship, we will ask you similar but relevant survey questions throughout your studies.

**I am feeling confident about beginning my studies with the Open University.**

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Undecided      Agree      Strongly Agree

**My course will bring a new focus and/or help me achieve my career ambitions.**

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Undecided      Agree      Strongly Agree

**I would have studied with the Open University this year without this funding being available.**

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Undecided      Agree      Strongly Agree

**It was easy to find information about this funding scheme.**

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Undecided      Agree      Strongly Agree

**The information about this scheme was easy to understand.**

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Undecided      Agree      Strongly Agree

**The application process was straightforward.**

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Undecided      Agree      Strongly Agree

## Section 10: Checklist

**10.1 Use the checklist to make sure that your application is complete. Remember to send copies of the evidence you supply, we cannot return originals to you.**

**Have you?**

Read the Terms and Conditions at  
<http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding/disabled-veterans-scholarship-fund?>

Completed all required sections of the form?

Provided supporting evidence of your disability?

Signed and dated the declaration in Section 7?

## Data Protection Legislation

**The following statement describes who will use the information provided on this form and what they will use it for.**

We will use the information you give on this form to process your Open University Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund application.

**The Open University** needs the information you give on this form to work out whether you are eligible for support, and is the data controller for that information. The Open University will keep personal information about you so that we can audit the assessment of the Disabled Veterans' Scholarship funding.

The data provided on this form will be retained by The Open University for a period of time based on the duration of your qualification.

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. If you wish to see the information the University holds about you, or if you wish for any information to be corrected, deleted or blocked ("restricted"), please contact us using the details below.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted on the details below.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not in accordance with the law you can complain to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). See [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Please scan and email your completed application and supporting evidence to:**

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**If this is not possible, then please post a hard copy of your completed application with supporting evidence to:**

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