For Local Full-time UGC-funded Students (including UGC-funded associate degree programmes)

Introduction

Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Full-time Tertiary Students (NLSFT) is established by the Government to provide financial assistance in the form of interest-bearing loan to eligible students to cover their tuition fees. The Scheme is operated on a no-gain-no-loss and cost recovery basis. Interest rate is subject to periodic adjustment. For guidelines of application, please visit the following websites of the Student Finance Office (SFO)[學生資助處], which is under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/tc/postsecondary/nlsft/overview.htm (Chinese version) http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/nlsft/overview.htm (English version)

Enquiries

Student Finance Office (SFO) Enquiry Hotline	:	2150 6222
24-hour Automated Enquiry Hotline provided by SFO	:	2802 2345

2024/25 Application

Online Application Form (E-submission)

All NLSFT applicants are required to submit their applications through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>). No more hard copy of application form can be submitted / processed.

For Course Coding Sheet, please visit the Student Finance Office website : https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/en/sfo/postsecondary/tsfs/coding.php

(Please note that your Institution Course Code means "Programme" + "Major" codes as enlisted in AIMS. For details, please click here).

Online demonstration on E-submission of NLSFT applications: <u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/demo/tc/</u> (Chinese version) <u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/demo/en/</u> (English version)

Submission of Declaration (paper signing selected) & Supporting Documents

Students should submit the signed declaration (paper signing selected) and supporting documents to the SFO directly within 7 days from submission of online application form through the following means:

- A. Online upload
 - Through SFO E-link My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>)
 - File formats PDF or JPEG
 - File capacity 40 MB (about 100 black and white pages)

B. By mail (together with the Reply Slip)

Address: Student Finance Office

Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency Room 1204, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon (Attn: NLSFT APU)

- C. Through the SFO's drop-in boxes (together with the Reply Slip)
 - Drop-in box located on 11th Floor or in the G/F lift lobby of the Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices

Application Period

For Full-time Current Students: (Application deadline: 24 May 2024)

In 2024/25 academic year, NLSFT applicants should submit their applications through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>) from 18 April to 24 May 2024.

For Full-time New Students: (Application deadline: 20 September 2024)

In 2024/25 academic year, TSFS applicants should submit their applications through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>) from **1 August 2024 to 20 September 2024**.

Please note that the earlier you hand in your application, the earlier your application will be processed and you may obtain your Nonmeans-tested Loan in time to cover your tuition fee for 2024/25.

Late application should be submitted through the online application form at SFO E-link – My Applications platform (<u>https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk</u>).

For Local Full-time Postgraduate (by Research) UGC-funded Students:

Application should be submitted within one month after registration of 2024/25 programme which starts before March 2025. Application after March 2025 will not be accepted.

Documents Required

- i) The completed NLSFT application form
- ii) Copy of your Hong Kong Identity (HKID) Card
- iii) Copy of your Student Identity Card
- iv) Copy of transaction advice or account deposit form for the administrative fee payment (HK\$296) $^{\Delta}$
 - [△] The original copy of transaction advice or account deposit form for the administrative fee payment **should be submitted together with the loan documents and the required documents to the SFO upon acceptance of the NLSFT loans**.

NOTE

Full-time UGC-funded students who wish to apply for both TSFS and NLSFT have to submit the TSFS and NLSFT application forms separately.