

## APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY OF KENT SUPPORT FOR ESTRANGED STUDENTS

Estranged students are independent students who are irreconcilably estranged from their parents. The support is aimed at providing help in areas identified as being of concern to these young people.

- Access to accommodation over holiday periods, including the summer vacation, subject to remaining in good financial standing with the University.
- A one-off £600 cash bursary towards the costs of starting life at University.
- A one-off payment of £100 towards graduation costs for students who attend their graduation ceremony (evidence of booking confirmation in year of graduation required).

You may apply for the support package if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a new, undergraduate student at the University of Kent
- You are under 25 years of age
- You are a UK home fee paying student who is an independent student who is estranged from their parents
- You can provide written evidence that you are estranged from your parents. If you have been assessed as estranged by Student Finance England (SFE) they will be able to provide you with written confirmation of this. Please email [Independent\\_Student\\_Enquiries@slc.co.uk](mailto:Independent_Student_Enquiries@slc.co.uk) to request this confirmation. In certain circumstances we may accept a letter or statement of evidence by an independent person with good standing in the community which satisfies the University that you are irreconcilably estranged from your parents.

Name (in full)	Student ID No. (UoK)
Address (term)	Telephone No.
	Email (UoK)

**Please tick box if you agree with the following statement:**

I was under 25 years of age at 01 September 2025	
I am an independent student who is estranged from my parents	
I can provide the required evidence that I am estranged from my parents	

## EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

Please provide a letter from SFE confirming they have assessed you as an estranged student. As an exception we may accept a letter or statement from an independent person with good standing in the community. This person should normally have known about your situation for a substantial amount of time, and can verify that you don't have contact with your biological, adoptive or only living parents. This person must not be related to you or be a close friend of the family.

## STUDENT DECLARATION:

- I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed  
Student

Date

Print name

In order for us to determine your eligibility for this support, please complete this form and email it, with all supporting evidence, to [studentfunding@kent.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@kent.ac.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE: If the evidence provided with your application is insufficient then a request will be made for additional backup information. Support will not be granted until all relevant documentation has been received and agreed.**

## PAYMENT

Payment will be made directly into your bank account. Please complete and sign the attached Electronic Transfer Form so that the University can make the payment to you.

Dear Student

### Payment by Electronic Transfer

The University of Kent's preferred payment method in relation to Hardship Funds is via Electronic Transfer.

Please could you complete your personal and bank account details below and submit it to the Student Funding Office with your application.

If your bank details change during the academic year you will need to go to the Student Funding Office and complete a new form.

Full Name (as it appears on your Bank Account)

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Kent Student ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account Number

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Sort Code

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Bank Account Reference (if applicable)

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I confirm that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that the bank details are correct and up to date so that I can receive payments from the University.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Confidentiality

This form will be viewed by the Students' Union Advisers, Student Services, Student Funding Office, Congregations & the University Payments Office. This form will be destroyed in accordance with our data retention policy.

### Data Protection Law

The University of Kent is a data controller in terms of Data Protection Law. The Students' Union Advisers, Student Services, Student Funding Office, Congregations & the University Payments Office all follow the University's policy in matters of data protection. The data requested in this form is covered by the notification provided by the University to the Information Commissioner. Personal data can be used solely for making a payment.

The data will not be passed to any other third party without your consent, except when the University is required to do so by law. For more information on Data Protection at Kent please see our website

[www.kent.ac.uk/infocompliance/](http://www.kent.ac.uk/infocompliance/)