

## The decision making process

### How is study financing awarded?

All study financing requests are put before a study financing committee. This Committee consist of 5 member reviews all cases based on :

- A student's educational background/academic performance
- The chosen major (priority list)
- All other stipulations mentioned in the study financing ordinance.

The advice is then submitted to the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport who takes the final decision to grant or deny the study financing by June 30.

### What to do if your study financing request has been denied?

- Within 6 weeks after the date of receipt of your denial letter:
  - Write a letter addressed to the Appeal Committee requesting a hearing and stating why the decision should be overturned.
  - Take your letter and all supporting documents (including a number where you can be reached) to General Affairs in the Government Administration Building. A copy of that letter should be submitted to Study Financing.
- The Appeal Committee will contact the student and he/she will have the opportunity to state their case in person.

## Financial Aspect

### What amounts are awarded per country?

- Study financing is divided in two parts:
  - 60% loan (*will have to be paid back*)
  - 40% grant
- University of St.Martin : Nafis 13.500,-- Max
- Aruba : Nafis 13.500,-- Max
- Curacao : Nafis 13.500,-- Max
- Holland :
  - Euro 3.821 Max + Dutch Study Financing
  - 100 % loans: Euro 8.400,— (MBO) or Euro 10.310, -- (HBO/WO)
- USA/Canada/England : U.S.\$ 15.000,-- Max
- Trinidad/Barbados/St.Kitts: Nafis 13.500,-- Max
- St.Thomas/Puerto Rico : U.S.\$ 14.000,-- Max
- Belgium : Euro 10.310,00,-- Max
- Dominican Republic: U.S.\$ 15.000,--

*Please note that study financing does not necessarily cover all cost related to your studies.*

### Where can one apply for study financing?

Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports  
Division Study Financing

N. de Brot street #3,

Vlaun's Building ( *opposite the Philipsburg Post office 2nd floor*)

Philipsburg, St.Maarten

### For more information regarding study financing?

Visit our website: [www.study-sxm.org](http://www.study-sxm.org)

Or e-mail us at : [info@study-sxm.org](mailto:info@study-sxm.org)

Or call us at: 542-2363 ext 131, 132,133 or 134

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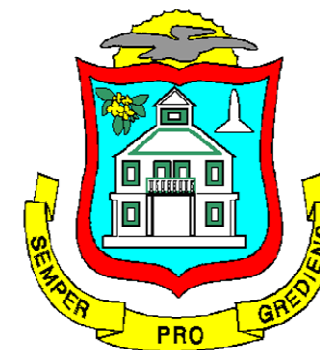
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## Study Financing Information



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# Applying for Study Financing

## How do I apply for study financing?

From October 15— December 31 each year students can apply for Study Financing. *Every applicant is required to fill in a study financing application form. The forms are available on our website [www.study-sxm.org](http://www.study-sxm.org).*

## Which documents are required?

*The following documents must be submitted along with your application form.*

- 2 recent passport pictures
- An Original Birth Certificate. *(If the applicant was born outside of the Netherlands Antilles, the original birth certificate must have the apostil stamp).*
- Proof of Dutch Nationality *(A document from the Census Office)*
- A copy of Passport page with relevant information
- Proof of registration at the Census office.
- A valid health certificate
- 1 copy of tax assessment statement from the Tax Inspectorate supporting parental income from the previous year. *(Full disclosure of all sources of income is mandatory)*
- Recent grades/report card.
- Proof of admittance to institution *(This document is required before any funds will be disbursed).*

## Who can receive study financing?

- 1.Students in possession of the Dutch nationality.
- 2.Students must have also been registered at the Civil Registry of St.Martin for at least 5 years prior to requesting study financing.
- 3.Students must have reached the age of 18 but not being older than 26 years.

- 4.Students must have completed secondary education.
- 5.The period mentioned in point 2 is 2 years for:
  - a.For applicants born in the former Netherlands Antilles ; Or
  - b.At least one of their parents was born in the former Netherlands Antilles
6. Annual parental income less than Nafls. 200.000,—

## Additional requirements

- The chosen major must be a priority area of study.
- GED scores of at least 480 as supplement to secondary school diploma (PSVE PBL/PKL/TKL) or in cases whereby applicants older than 21 years were unable to complete a high school at an earlier age.
- Applicants already in College must have a GPA of at least 2.5
- Legal studies may only be done in Holland or at UOC/UA.

### *MBO/SBO-level :*

- Sufficient grade for the Dutch language *(Holland/ Curacao/Aruba)*
- Sufficient grade for relevant subjects of the study major.
- Admittance to level 3 or 4 programs only *(after successful intake-interview)*

### *Higher Professional Education (HBO) or College/ University*

- HAVO diploma with a minimum sufficient grades for the chosen direction.
- St. Maarten Academy (SXMAC) or St. Dominic High School diploma with at least six subjects passed at CXC General level I, II or III.

### *University (Holland)*

- VWO diploma with a minimum sufficient grades for the chosen direction.

## Students applying to pursue their studies in Holland

- These students **must also** apply for the Dutch Study Financing from DUO/IB-groep via the following link [http://www.ib-groep.nl/particulieren/klantenservice/studiefinanciering\\_aanvragen.asp](http://www.ib-groep.nl/particulieren/klantenservice/studiefinanciering_aanvragen.asp)
- Students applying for a HBO or a WO study must register via the website of Studielink. [www.studielink.nl](http://www.studielink.nl)
- Students **must** register for a room via the website of the relevant housing agency in the city that you wish to study or your school. *(For more info visit our website.)*

## What costs are covered by study financing?

*(Completely or in part)*

- Travel expenses to and from *(after completion)* place of study.
- Summer classes (max. 2 times total cost Nafls. 13.500,—)
- Travel expenses for one (1) mandatory job-training.
- Cost for a mandatory study exchange program.
- Health and medical insurance
- Tuition fee, books and living expenses
- A vacation ticket *(max. Nafls. 1000,— ) after 2nd year and the student must be in good academic standing).*
- A loan of maximum US\$ 800,00 towards a personal computer/ essential study materials.
- Allocation cost Nafls 700,00 and re-allocation costs max. Nafls 2000,00.