

Notice of competition for financial support for Apulian students orphaned by one or both parents for access to university studies

Introduction

The Region of Apulia through Adisu-Puglia, the Agency for the Right to University Studies, issues this notice aimed at Apulian students who are orphans of one or both parents, in order to financially support their access to university studies and their attendance for the ordinary duration of the course.

Art. 1 - Purpose of the Notice of Competition

This notice, pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 1 of Regional Law no. 4/2022 which states: "as part of the policies and initiatives to support study and support people in conditions of disadvantage or difficulty, the Region of Apulia provides non-repayable grants, within the limits of the budget allocation, in favour of students resident in Apulia who are orphans of one or both parents, in order to financially support their access to university studies and the attendance of the same for the ordinary duration of the chosen course', is aimed at providing economic support in favour of Apulian students orphaned by one or both parents in order to access university studies and the attendance of the same for the ordinary duration of the course.

Article 2 - Recipients

Recipients of this notice of competition are students resident in Apulia orphaned by one or both parents, enrolled in Italy at Universities, Institutes for Higher Education in the Arts and Music (Italian acronym: AFAM) and Higher Technical Institute (Italian acronym: ITS), in the academic year 2022/2023, even if they have been awarded a grant under the "Benefits and Services" notice of competitions published every year by Adisu Puglia.

Art. 3 - Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Have obtained a high school diploma with a mark of no less than 90/100;
- 2) Be currently enrolled (not off-course) at a University, an Institute for Higher Education in the Arts and Music (AFAM) or at a Higher Technical Institute (ITS);
- 3) Be orphaned by one or both parents;
- 4) Have an Indicator of Equivalent Economic Situation (Italian acronym: ISEE), for university benefits not exceeding 23 thousand euros and an Equivalent Assets Situation Indicator (Italian acronym: ISPE) not exceeding 50 thousand euros;
- 5) For students in the years following the first year who have passed all the annual examinations provided for in their study plan;
- 6) For freshmen who have passed all the annual examinations provided for in their study plan for the first year.

Art. 4 - Competitive benefits

The benefit put up for competition is an annual grant of €3,500.00 per student, to be renewed each academic year subject to verification of the eligibility requirements set out in art. 3, for a maximum of six consecutive years.

The number of grants put out to tender is 42.

Art. 5 - Submission of applications: terms and methods

Interested students, in order to compete for the benefits provided for in art. 4, under penalty of ineligibility, must fill in the relevant application exclusively online available in the Student Portal of the Adisu Puglia website www.adisupuglia.it.

The procedure will be available from 8.00 a.m. on 15 March 2023 and will close at 12.00 noon on 17 April 2023.

The student will be able to access the services offered by ADiSU Puglia using one of the alternative authentication systems currently accepted:

- a) Public Digital Identity System (Italian acronym: SPID) Level 2;

- b) Electronic Identity Card (Italian acronym: CIE);
- c) National Service Charter (Italian acronym: CNS);

Notwithstanding the previous provision, ADiSU will issue access credentials to its services only for the following categories of students:

- a) Minors under eighteen years of age on the date of application, until they reach the age of majority;
- b) Non-Italian citizens, temporarily lacking the requisites necessary to obtain the tools indicated in paragraph 1, pending their achievement.

The student must complete the application in its entirety and for all its forms.

In order to submit the application, prior enrolment in the chosen course is not required, which must be done within the deadlines set by the universities. The student must in any case be enrolled in the course before the grant is paid.

Article 6 - Formulation of the ranking list

A single ranking list will be drawn up with the following priority criteria:

- 1) students enrolled at Universities, AFAMs or ITS in the Apulia region;
- 2) students who are orphans of both parents;
- 3) students with a lower equivalent economic situation (ISEE) for university benefits.

In case of tied score, preference will be given to students with higher merit in relation to their diploma grade. In the event of a further tied score, the order of arrival of the application will be taken into account.

Art. 7 - Settlement of the grant

The grant will be paid in two instalments:

- 1) the first equal to 30% upon approval of the ranking list;
- 2) the second equal to 70% upon passing all the annual examinations foreseen in the study plan for the year for which the application is made.

Art. 8 - Checks and exclusions

ADISU Puglia, through the territorial offices of the individual universities, will carry out appropriate checks on the truthfulness of the declarations in lieu of certification in accordance with decree of the President of the Republic (DPR) no. 445/2000 attesting the financial conditions of the students concerned, as well as the actual possession of the general requirements necessary for access to the benefits.

In carrying out its checks, Adisu Puglia may request appropriate documentation to demonstrate the completeness and truthfulness of the declared data, also for the purpose of correcting minor errors. The data verification will concern all students eligible for the benefit through the Universities' databases.

Exclusion, forfeiture, renunciation and revocation will entail the return of the grant.

The student will also be ineligible for benefits due to failure to comply with the deadline and methods of submission of the application with respect to that indicated in art. 5 of this notice and for lack of eligibility requirements.

The procedure for each check corresponds to that set out in the annual call for applications for the granting of benefits and services by Adisu Puglia.

Art. 9 - Information on data processing

Pursuant to Art. 13 of the new Privacy Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), consent is required for the collection of personal data that will be processed for the allocation of benefits and services for the right to university study. Failure to provide the same will prevent access to the services rendered by the institution. In order to guarantee transparency and security in accordance with the new regulations, Privacy will be constantly updated on the Agency's website www.adisupuglia.it, at the address: <https://web.adisupuglia.it/privacy.html> which you are invited to read carefully before accepting or refusing. Such data may be communicated to the Public Administrations in charge of veracity and compliance checks, to the competent Universities and Institutes of University degree and to any other subject entitled by law.

Art. 10 - Final rules and referral

In order to implement the project the Regione Puglia shall transfer to Adisu-Puglia the sums to be paid, which shall be allocated to a fund specifically set up in the Agency's budget.

For anything not covered by the preceding provisions the current national and regional regulations on the right to university studies shall apply.