



REGIONE PUGLIA

***Call for applications for financial support to enable the access to university studies for
academic year 2023/2024 to orphans of one or both parents***

Introduction

The Puglia Region, through the Adisu Puglia, Agency for the Law of University Studies, issues this notice addressed to orphaned students from Apulia of one or both parents, The aim is to support their access to and attendance at university courses for the normal duration of the course.

The Regional Law no. 4 of 4 March 2022 "*Economic support for orphans Pugliese students of one or both parents for access to university studies*" expressly provides that "*The Region of Apulia makes grants in the context of policies and initiatives to support studies and people in disadvantaged or difficult situations, within the limits of the budget, for the benefit of students living in Puglia who are orphans of one or both parents, in order to support economically their access to university studies and attendance for the ordinary duration of the chosen course*".

For the purposes set out in the aforementioned Regional Law no. 4 of 2022, with Resolution of the Regional Council no. 1044 of 25 July 2022, the Region of Apulia has allocated the amount of € 150,000, in terms of expertise and cash, for each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, acknowledging that the intervention will be implemented through the conclusion of an agreement with the Regional Agency for the Right to Study - Adisu Puglia.

On 3 October 2022, the Board of Directors of Adisu Puglia, by resolution no.66, authorized the signing of the Scheme of Collaboration Agreement between Public Administrations, pursuant to art. 15 of Law 241 of 1990, annexed to Resolution of the Regional Council no. 1044 of 25 July 2022 and also approved the draft "*Call for applications for financial support to students in Puglia who are orphans of one or both parents for access to university studies*", and shall refer to the Director-General any other consequential action, including the issuing of the call.

On 22 November 2022, the Puglia Region and Adisu Puglia signed an agreement for cooperation between public administrations, pursuant to art. 15 of Law 241 of 1990, concerning: Financial support for orphans of one or both parents in Puglia students to study at university.

By Regional Council Resolution no. 1802 of 07 December 2023 having as object: "*Guidelines for guaranteeing the right to university study and high education and approval of the 2023/2025 three-year programme and 2023 annual plan*" (Regional Law no.18of 2007 Articles 4 and 5)", the Region of Apulia has intended to give continuity to the project by pointing out the opportunity to "anchor the levels of ISEE and ISPE to the values established annually for the Call for Benefits and Services, through the substitution of words "*Having an indicator of the economic situation equivalent to university performance not exceeding twenty-three thousand euros and an indicator of the financial situation equivalent to no higher than fifty thousand euros* " with words "*having an indicator of the equivalent economic situation for university services and an indicator of the equivalent financial position established for that year by the Call Benefits and Services of the Adisu Puglia*". The reason for this is that the maximum limits of the Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEE) and the Equivalent Balance Sheet Indicator (ISPE) for access to benefits related to the right to study are annually updated by Ministerial Decree (D.M. no. 204 of 23 February 2023) and set by a resolution of the Regional Board (Resolution of the Regional Board 24 July 2023, no. 1039 - Definition of guidelines and criteria for the provision by ADISU Puglia of the Scholarships Benefits and services - Academic Year 2023/2024. Updating of the regional fee for university studies).

The "Benefits and Services" call, academic year 2023/2024 (approved by the Board of Directors with resolution no. 35 of 27 July 2023), in relation to the new ISEE/ ISPE values, provides for art. 9 Economic and capital requirements, Paragraph 2 - Economic Thresholds (according to the Regional Board Resolution no. 1039 of 24 July 2023):

- the I.S.E.E. for university services may not exceed the maximum limit of € 25,000.00;
- I.S.P.E. will not exceed the maximum limit of € 55,000.00.

Art. 1 – Subject of the Call

This call, pursuant to art. 1, paragraph 1 of Regional Law no. 4 of 2022 which reads: "*The Region of Apulia makes grants in the context of policies and initiatives to support studies and people in disadvantaged or difficult situations, within the limits of the budget, for the benefit of students living in Puglia who are orphans of one or both parents, in order to support economically their access to university studies and attendance for the ordinary duration of the chosen course*" aims to provide a system of financial support for orphans of one or both parents in order to enable them to study at university and to attend university for the duration of their studies, which is ordinary course.

Art. 2 – Recipients

The recipients of this call are students living in Puglia orphans of one or both parents, enrolled in Italy at universities, institutes of high artistic and musical education and higher technical institutes (I.T.S.) in A.A. 2023/2024, even if awarded scholarships under the "Benefits and Services" call published annually By Adisu Puglia.

Art. 3 – Eligibility requirements

- 1) Students are required to have completed secondary school with a school-leaving Diploma mark of not less than 90 out of 100;
- 2) Students are required to be enrolled in a university, an Institute of High Artistic and Musical Education (AFAM) or at a Technical Higher Institute (ITS);
- 3) Orphans of one or both parents;
- 4) Students are required to have equivalent economic status (ISEE), for university performance not exceeding Euro 25,000.00 and of Indicator of the equivalent financial situation (ISPE) not exceeding euro 55.000,00;
- 5) first year students are required to have passed all the examinations provided for in their study plan, in respect of the first year, by the last relevant session for the reference academic year;
- 6) students in the years following the first year are required to have passed all the examinations provided for in their study plan by the last relevant session of the reference academic year.

Art. 4 – Benefits

The benefit offered is an annual contribution of € 3,500.00 per student, to be renewed each academic year after verification of eligibility requirements as set out in art. 3, for a maximum of six consecutive years.

The number of scholarships offered is 42.

Art. 5 - Submission of applications: deadlines and modalities

To compete for the benefits provided by art. 4 the students concerned must fill in the application exclusively online, failing which the request will be deemed inadmissible. The application is available in the Student Portal of the site of Adisu Puglia www.adisupuglia.it.

It will be possible to fill the application online from 08:00 hours of the day 29 July 2024 until 23:59 of the day 16 September 2024.

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

- a) Public Digital Identity System (SPID) level 2;
- b) Electronic Identity card (CIE);
- c) National Services Charter (CNS);

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

- a) students under 18 years of age at the date of submission of the application, until they reach the age of majority;
- b) Non-Italian citizens, temporarily deprived of the necessary requirements for obtaining the instruments indicated in paragraph 1, pending the achievement of the same.

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

The application does not require prior registration for the course chosen, which must be made within the deadlines set by the universities. Before the payment of the contribution referred to in this call for proposals, the student must be registered for the course.

Art. 6 – Ranking

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

- 1) students enrolled at universities, AFAM or I.T.S. in the Apulian region;
- 2) Orphaned students of both parents;
- 3) students with lower economic status equivalent (ISEE) for university performance

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to students with higher merit benefit in relation to the school-leaving Diploma mark. In case of further tie, the order of arrival of the instance will be enhanced.

Art. 7 – Settlement of the amount of the grant

The grant will be paid in two tranches:

- 1) the first instalment of the grant, equal to 30% of the amount provided for, will be paid after publication of the ranking;

2) the second instalment of the scholarship, equal to 70% of the amount provided for will be awarded upon passing all annual exams required by the study plan of the year for which you are applying.

Art. 8 - Controls and exclusions.

ADISU Puglia, through its own territorial offices in each city of Apulia university, carry out appropriate checks on the veracity of the declarations of replacement certification in accordance with Decree of the President of the Republic No. 445 of 2000, attesting to the economic conditions rendered by the students concerned, and the actual fulfilment of the general requirements for access to benefits.

In carrying out the controls, Adisu Puglia may request suitable documentation to demonstrate the completeness and truthfulness of the data declared. This will enable the Adisu to correct minor errors. The data will be collected from all eligible students through university databases.

Exclusion, revocation, renunciation and withdrawal shall result in the return of the grant.

The student will not be able to access the benefits for failure of admission requirements or for non-compliance with the deadline and procedure for submitting an application compared to that referred to in Article 5 of this call.

The procedure for each verification corresponds to that provided for in the annual call for competition for the granting of benefits and services of Adisu Puglia.

Art. 9 – Information on the processing of data

In accordance with art. 13 of the new Privacy Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), consent is required to collect personal data that will be processed for the allocation of provisions and services for the right to study university. Failure to provide them will prevent access to services rendered by the institution. To ensure transparency and security according to the new rules, the Privacy will be constantly updated on the website of the agency www.adisupuglia.it, at: <https://web.adisupuglia.it/privacy.html> which you are invited to read carefully before accepting or rejecting. These data may be communicated to the public administrations responsible for checking the veracity and compliance, the competent universities and institutes of higher education and any other person entitled according to the law.

Art. 10 – Final rules and deferral

For the purpose of carrying out the project, the Region of Apulia transfers to Adisu-Puglia the sums to be paid, which will be placed on a fund specifically established in the budget of the Agency.

In so far as the above provisions do not cover, the existing national and regional rules on the right to university studies will apply.