



REGIONE PUGLIA

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS FROM APULIA WHO HAVE LOST ONE OR BOTH PARENTS, TO ENABLE THEM TO PURSUE UNIVERSITY STUDIES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

Introduction

The Puglia Region, through Adisu-Puglia, the Agency for the Right to University Education, is issuing this notice aimed at students from Puglia who have lost one or both parents, with the aim of providing financial support to enable them to access and attend university for the standard duration of their course.

Art. 1 – Purpose of the call for applications

This call for applications, pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 1 of Regional Law 4/2022, which states: “as part of policies and initiatives to support education and assist people facing disadvantage or hardship, the Puglia Region provides non-repayable grants, within the limits of the budget allocation, to students residing in Puglia who have lost one or both parents, with the aim of providing financial support to enable them to access and attend university for the standard duration of the chosen course”, is aimed at offering financial support to students from Apulia who have lost one or both parents, to enable them to access and attend university for the standard duration of the chosen course.

Art. 2 – Eligibility

This call for applications is open to students residing in Puglia who have lost one or both parents and who are enrolled in Italy at universities, higher education institutions for art and music, and ITS (Technical Institutes of Higher Education) for the 2025/2026 academic year, even if they have been awarded a scholarship under the “Benefits and Services” call for applications.

Art. 3 – Eligibility requirements:

1) for students enrolled in their first year (freshers 2025/2026), to have obtained a school-leaving certificate with a mark of no less than 90/100;

- 2) to be currently enrolled at a university, an Institute of Higher Education in Art and Music (Italian acronym: AFAM) or a Higher Technical Institute (Italian acronym: ITS);
- 3) be an orphan of one or both parents;
- 4) have an Equivalent Economic Situation (Italian acronym: ISEE) for university benefits not exceeding €26,000.00 and an Equivalent Asset Situation Indicator (Italian acronym: ISPE) not exceeding €56,000.00;
- 5) for students in years other than the first, have passed all the annual exams required by their study plan;
- 6) for freshers, academic year 2024/2025, have passed all the annual exams required by their study plan for the first year.

Art. 4 – Scholarships on offer

The scholarship on offer is an annual grant of €3,500.00 per student, to be renewed each academic year subject to verification of the eligibility criteria set out in Art. 3, for a maximum of six consecutive years.

There are 42 scholarships available.

Art. 5 – Submission of applications: deadlines and procedures

Students wishing to apply for the benefits provided for Art. 4 must, on pain of ineligibility, complete the relevant application form exclusively online via the Student Portal on the Adisu Puglia website www.adisupuglia.it.

The procedure will be available from 08:00 on 11 May 2026 and will close at 12:00 on 11 June 2026.

Students may access the services offered by ADiSU using one of the alternative authentication systems currently accepted:

- a) Level 2 Public Digital Identity System (Italian acronym: SPID);
- b) Electronic Identity Card (Italian acronym: CIE);
- c) National Services Card (Italian acronym: CNS);

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

- a) Persons under the age of eighteen at the time of application, until they reach the age of majority;

b) Non-Italian citizens who do not currently meet the requirements for obtaining the documents referred to in paragraph 1, pending their fulfilment.

The student must complete the application in its entirety, including all forms.

Prior enrolment on the chosen course is not required to submit the application; this must be completed within the deadlines set by the universities. However, before the grant referred to in this call for applications is awarded, the student must be enrolled on the course.

Art. 6 – Compilation of the ranking list

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

- 1) students enrolled at universities, higher education institutions for the arts (AFAM) or technical colleges (ITS) within the Apulia region;
- 2) students who have lost both parents;
- 3) students with the lowest equivalent economic situation (ISEE) for university tuition fees.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to students with the highest academic merit in relation to their school-leaving certificate grade. In the event of a further tie, the order in which applications were received will be taken into account.

Art. 7 – Payment of the scholarship

The scholarship will be paid in two instalments:

- 1) the first, amounting to 30%, upon approval of the ranking list;
- 2) the second, amounting to 70%, upon passing all the annual examinations required by the study plan for the year for which the application is made, by the final examination session of the 2025/2026 academic year.

Art. 8 – Checks and exclusions

ADISU Puglia, ADISU Puglia, through its offices located in every university town in Puglia, will carry out appropriate checks on the accuracy of the self-certification declarations made by the students concerned, in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, which attest to their financial circumstances, as well as on their actual fulfilment of the general requirements necessary for access to the benefits.

In carrying out these checks, Adisu Puglia may request appropriate documentation to demonstrate the completeness and accuracy of the data declared, including for the purpose of correcting minor

errors. The verification of data will cover all students eligible for the benefit via the universities' databases.

Exclusion, forfeiture, withdrawal and revocation shall entail the repayment of the grant.

Students will not be eligible to receive the benefits if they fail to comply with the deadline and application procedures set out in Article 5 of this call for applications, or if they do not meet the admission requirements.

The procedure for each verification corresponds to that set out in the annual call for applications for the award of benefits and services by ADISU Puglia.

Art. 9 – Data Processing Notice

Pursuant to Article 13 of the new General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), consent is required for the collection of personal data, which will be processed for the purpose of allocating grants and services relating to the right to university education. Failure to provide such data will prevent access to the services provided by Adisu Puglia. To ensure transparency and security in accordance with the new regulations, the Privacy Policy on Adisu Puglia website www.adisupuglia.it will be constantly updated at the following address: <https://web.adisupuglia.it/privacy.html>. Please read this carefully before accepting or refusing. Such data may be disclosed to the public authorities responsible for verifying accuracy and compliance, to the relevant universities and higher education institutions, and to any other party entitled by law.

Art. 10 – Final provisions and references

For the purposes of implementing the project, the Puglia Regional Authority will transfer the funds to be disbursed to Adisu-Puglia, which will be allocated to a fund specifically set up in Adisu-Puglia's budget.

In matters not covered by the preceding provisions, the applicable national and regional regulations governing the right to university education shall apply.

Il Direttore Generale

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