

Our Ref: 001/23

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh's Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 03 January 2023 (and your subsequent clarification email dated 06 January 2023). The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA").

Thank you for clarifying that the information you are seeking is "for the total number of students who applied for the discretionary fund only" and "for academic years".

We can confirm that the information for 2022/2023 is not yet complete. The College has therefore provided the requested information for academic years 2019/2020 and 2021/2022.

001/23 (1): The number of students who asked the university [College] for financial support in 2022, whether through a hardship fund, a discretionary fund, financial aid or any similar means of help.

Please find requested information attached.

001/23 (2): How many of these students were awarded any sum of money relating to the above. Please find requested information attached.

001/23 (3): The same as the previous two points but for 2019. Please find requested information attached.

001/23 (4): The average amount of money given to each student and the overall amount of money given out, both for 2019 and 2022. Please find requested information attached.

If it would be possible for this to be in the format of an Excel or Google Sheets document that would be preferable and very much appreciated.

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Director of Communications, Policy and Research at the postal address below or e-mail the Director of Communications, Policy and Research at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and address (email or postal) for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

Director of Communications, Policy and Research
4th Floor
Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)
24 Milton Road East
Edinburgh
EH15 2PP

When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

You can make an appeal to the Commissioner by email or post.

To appeal by email, send your application form or email to <mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info>

To appeal by post, send your application form or letter to:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS

Full details on how to make an appeal to the Commissioner are available from their website:
<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal>

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards
FOI Team

Discretionary funds information

Academic session 2019-20

	FE discretionary	HE discretionary
Number of applicants	1230	415
Number of students awarded	1084	392
Average award	£412	£575
Overall amount paid out	£447,431	£225,570

Academic session 2021-22

	FE discretionary	HE discretionary
Number of applicants	901	315
Number of students awarded	786	270
Average award	£984	£896
Overall amount paid out	£773,902	£242,556