

## **2246 Financial support for Disabled Students**

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### **Union Notes**

1. That on average disabled people in the East of England, face extra living cost that amount to around £482 per month.<sup>1</sup>
2. Support for disabled students, in the form of both DSA and PIP, have both been cut in recent years.
3. Students' disabilities often may leave them little time to have a part time job on top of studying.
4. Some disabled students are forced into on campus accommodation, due to access requirements, and while SSS and accommodation have agreed to subsidies this to varying degrees, even the largest subsidy would still see those in this accommodation paying around £1000 more a year.
5. The university already offers bursaries to other WP groups such as those from low income families.

### **Union Believes**

1. That money shouldn't be a barrier to education
2. Everyone should have a fair chance to get a good degree.

### **Union Resolves**

1. To mandate the welfare community and diversity officer to lobby the university to introduce bursaries for disabled students
2. For the student Officer Committee to carry out a piece of research to find out how much students with disabilities costs differ to able bodied students.
3. To mandate the Campaigns and Democracy officer to launch a campaign highlighting money saving resources that are underutilised, such as the HC2 certificate which entitles you to free prescription if you have a low income.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.scope.org.uk/Scope/media/Documents/Publication%20Directory/The-disability-price-tag-Policy-report.pdf?ext=.pdf>