Assistance for used textbook purchases, travel expenses and higher education are among the applications whose deadline will come due May 11, according to an announcement from the Formentera Council's Office of Education. Department head Susana Labrador called the money “a helping hand for local students” and “complementary to anything that may be provided from the other administrations in Palma and Madrid”. This year, as last, the total amount of assistance is €93,000.

Help for textbook purchases
The Council has pledged €45,000 in aid for second-hand textbooks. The money will go to primary and secondary schools on the island that add used textbooks to their libraries during the 2016-2017 school year.

Assistance packages will depend on the number of eligible pupils enrolled at schools with used textbook programmes in place. As a rule, €50 will be dispersed per primary student and €70 for their peers in secondary. Large families and single-parent families will each be eligible for 100% coverage.

Travel costs
Help is also available for students in higher education, training, accredited post-secondary and art programmes not offered locally. The Council has said it will put €38,000 into such assistance, dispersing it in €150 increments to students attending class on Eivissa or in distance learning programmes and €450 allotments for students whose studies take them outside the Pityuses.

Higher education assistance
Ten thousand euros (in portions of €1,250) have been earmarked for students who reside on Formentera and apply for higher ed programmes like university, art, vocational training, fine arts and design and sport. Such grants will be available for face-to-face programmes at public institutions. Students of private learning institutions may only apply in cases where a given field of study is not offered at public schools.

Conditions
Eligibility conditions can be found here: http://conselldeformentera.cat/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=351&Itemid=437&lang=ca.

Applications must be submitted in person at the Citizen's Information Office (OAC) or online via the OVAC.

May 11 deadline

For more information, please contact the Office of Culture, Education and Patrimony of the Formentera Council. The deadline is May 11. Last year 103 students received travel expenses help, eight won grants for higher education and 73 got textbook assistance.