

Leergeld West – Friesland helps children aged 4 to 17 years old when their families' income is less than 120% of the social minimum (social insurance).

This help may consist of paying for extra school expenses (like a laptop or calculator), a bicycle, the membership fee for a sports association and possibly sportswear, music or dancing lessons, swimming lessons and other expenses necessary to be able to participate in sports, cultural lessons or hobbies. Our basic principle is: "all children must be able to participate in society". The expenses paid for by stichting Leergeld are always additional to any help or regulations that the municipality offers. So always contact your municipality first.

In some cases special accommodation is possible, especially when there is a threat that a child will be excluded from social contacts or interaction with peers because there is no money available at home.

You can apply for help on the Leergeld site: [www.leergeldwestfriesland.nl](http://www.leergeldwestfriesland.nl) . click "Uw kind aanmelden" at the top of the page.

If you have trouble with the digital form or with the Dutch language, you can call this number: [0229-706800](tel:0229-706800). (available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

You could also ask the "Forms brigade" to help you. This is a group of people that can help you to fill out forms. You can contact them through your local library.

You will receive confirmation when your application has been processed. You will be contacted by a trained intermediary for a home visit. The intermediary will discuss your financial situation and assess the application.

When the application is approved, you can make the purchase and Leergeld will pay the supplier. Stichting Leergeld does not give money directly to applicants.