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## **All Ireland Scholarships Scheme 2019**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This annual scholarship scheme provides third level education scholarships to 100 top performing eligible Leaving Certificate students from less advantaged backgrounds each year. The scholarship scheme will continue to operate while the All Ireland Scholarships Trust Fund remains in place.

This scheme applies to the beneficiaries in Ireland only and a separate scheme applies for students resident in Northern Ireland.

The All Ireland Scholarships Trust (The Trust) provides funding for the provision of 100 Scholarships in Ireland each year.

This scholarship scheme which was originally proposed and funded by JP McManus is administered by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) on behalf of the Trust.

### **2. NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

100 scholarships per year will be made available across the 26 counties, with a minimum of two scholarships for each county. The balance will be distributed throughout the 26 counties and awarded based on the candidates' performance in the Leaving Certificate examination.

The third-level courses approved for the purposes of this scholarship scheme are set out in Appendix I.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Certain candidates who sit the Leaving Certificate Examination for the first time in 2019 and who obtain at least Grade O6 or a higher grade in at least five subjects from the approved list of subjects, (as set out in the Rules and Programme for Post Primary Schools) will automatically be included as candidates for the award of the All Ireland Scholarships.

In order to be eligible, a candidate must have attended a non fee-paying DES recognised school and participated in a Leaving Certificate programme at that school. In addition, each individual candidate must be recognised as being from a socio-economically less advantaged background and, as evidence of this, must have been exempted from the payment of the Leaving Certificate examination fee. Exemption from payment of the Leaving Certificate fee must have been communicated to the State Examinations Commission before the issue of the Leaving Certificate results (August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019). Furthermore, the candidate

should not be a holder of another scholarship as outlined in paragraph 7.

#### **4. IDENTIFICATION**

The initial identification of potential scholarship recipients will be made on the basis of Leaving Certificate results. This selection will identify the students with the best results from their five best subjects who have qualified for exemption from payment of the Leaving Certificate examination fee as a result of medical card eligibility. Best results in this regard will include bonus marks for achieving a H6 or better in Honours Mathematics.

In the event of two or more candidates being considered of equal standard, the order of merit shall be determined by reference to the performance of the candidate in his/her three best subjects. If the total marks achieved by two or more candidates are the same, the order of merit shall be determined by reference to the candidates' achievement in his/her best subject and the Trust will be notified accordingly.

Once a scholarship has been awarded verification will be sought to ensure that the candidate continues to attend an approved undergraduate course as outlined in Appendix I.

#### **5. SELECTION**

The Department of Education and Skills, on behalf of the Trust, will issue the potential scholarship holder with an initial letter requesting the individual to confirm in writing that he/she is willing to allow all relevant information and particulars required to be given to the Trust.

#### **6. SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS**

Potential beneficiaries will be contacted by the Trust as soon as possible after the issue of the 2019 Leaving Certificate results regarding a formal scholarship offer.

The successful candidate must comply with the terms of the offer as outlined by the Trust and accept the scholarship in respect of an approved course for the 2019/2020 academic year or the offer will lapse. However, the scholarship **may be deferred for one academic year** and for that period only **with the prior written permission of the Trust**. Application for deferral of the scholarship should be made when accepting the scholarship offer.

Any offer of a scholarship is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the candidate fulfilling all of the conditions of the scholarship scheme. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained in the event of any error or omission whatsoever in the information provided by or on behalf of the candidate.

## **7. CONDITIONS ATTACHING TO SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS**

Every candidate to whom a scholarship is offered must fulfill the terms and conditions of the scheme together with the entry requirements for the third level education course chosen and the course chosen must be an approved course for the purposes of this scheme.

Scholarship holders will be expected to comply with the regulations of their college/institution and to undergo every term examination or any other examination determined by the authorities of their college/institution for their course.

With the exception of the Department of Education and Skills funded student maintenance grant (administered by Student Universal Support Ireland – SUSI), it will not be permissible for a scholarship holder to hold:

- (i) a bursary awarded by the Department of Education and Skills;
- (ii) a scholarship awarded by another scholarship fund or trust;
- (iii) any other award payable by a public body; or
- (iv) the equivalent in another EU Member State.

The exclusions above do not include awards such as scholarships, prizes or bursaries made by the institution being attended.

In addition, the exclusions as outlined do not include supports provided to candidates under the Student Assistance Fund and the Fund for Students with Disabilities viz:-.

The Fund for Students with Disabilities – This fund provides grants for students who have serious sensory, physical, learning and/or communicative disabilities. The aim is to provide students with assistance and/or equipment to enable them to pursue and complete their course of study. Applications for assistance are made by the Disability/Access Officer in the student’s third level institution. The student, on registration for his/her course, should discuss his/her particular disability and the equipment or services required with the Disability/Access Officer.

The Student Assistant Fund – This fund assists students who, having commenced a third-level course, experience financial hardship and, therefore, may be unable to continue their third-level studies. Applications for funding should be made by the individual student to the Access/Disability officer in their institution. The fund is administered on a confidential, discretionary basis.

These funds are administered, on behalf of the Minister for Education and Skills, by the Higher Education Authority and are funded by the Government under the Third Level Access Measure Fund.

- (a) It shall be a condition for the award of a scholarship under this Scheme that the candidate authorises the Department of Education and Skills to transfer any necessary information regarding the scholarship recipient to the Trust.
- (b) It shall also be a condition for the award of a scholarship under this scheme that the candidate authorises the Department of Education and Skills and the Trust to transfer any personal information regarding the scholarship award to a central database of grant holders which may be accessed by the grant awarding authority (SUSI), the dedicated payment unit within City of Dublin ETB, the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Social Protection.

## **8. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarships apply for the prescribed duration of the undergraduate programmes chosen and the annual value of the scholarship is €6,750 for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Scholarship holders who are required to participate in off-campus placement during part of an academic year as an integral part of their course will have their scholarship entitlement paid in the normal manner.

Scholarship holders who take a year out to pursue activities, educational or otherwise, which do not form an integral part of their primary undergraduate programme will not have their scholarship payments made during their year of absence from college.

Scholarship holders who participate in a compulsory year in full time attendance at a foreign third level education institution as an integral part of an international primary undergraduate programme chosen will have their scholarship payments made in the normal course while abroad.

A scholarship holder permitted to register for a succeeding year of his/her undergraduate study programme while carrying 1 or more repeat subjects will have his/her scholarship payments made while s/he remains registered, payments will terminate if the repeat exams are not passed within the required timeframe established at the commencement of the academic year. This provision may be particularly relevant for students attending UCD.

Scholarship holders pursuing approved courses in other EU Member States will be paid in Euro.

## **9. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarship holder will be paid the scholarship in 9 equal monthly instalments by Electronic Fund Transfer directly into the student's Irish bank

account.

The first monthly instalment will not be paid until the Registrar of the relevant college/institution informs the Department that the student has been officially accepted on an approved course and she/he has been registered at that college/institution.

At designated periods throughout the academic year, the Registrar or the Dean of the Faculty of the college/institution will be required to confirm that the student is still registered with the college and engaged in the approved course in order to facilitate payment of subsequent scholarship instalments.

## **10. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Subject to the normal duration of the approved course chosen, scholarships will be renewed when the authorities of the relevant college/institution certify that the scholarship holder has progressed to the next year of the course.

The Trust may terminate or lower the value of a scholarship, at any time without notice, where an unfavorable report on the scholarship holder is received from the authorities of the relevant college/institution.

Scholarships will not be paid in respect of a second period of attendance at the same level of any course approved for the purposes of this scholarship scheme.

A scholarship holder who, during the course of her/his studies, wishes to change course or faculty or defer her/his scholarship for one academic year and for that period only, must obtain the prior written approval of the Trust. Where a student changes course the scholarship payments will be deferred until the student reaches the point on the new course where participation on the original course ceased.

## **11. DETERMINATION OF DISPUTES**

Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this scheme shall be determined by the Trust whose decision thereon shall be final.

## **12. ALL IRELAND SCHOLARSHIPS WEBSITE**

The Trustees of the All Ireland Scholarships maintain a separate website at [allirelandscholarships.com](http://allirelandscholarships.com).

## Appendix I

### APPROVED COURSES FOR THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

#### UNDERGRADUATE

- (a) a **full-time** undergraduate course of not less than two years duration in one of the approved institutions listed in the **Schedule** to this Appendix, **and**
- (b) a **full-time undergraduate** course of not less than two years duration pursued in a university or third level institution which is maintained or assisted by recurrent grants from public funds in another E.U. Member State, with the exception of the following:
  - (i) Courses in colleges of Further and Higher Education (other than those courses which are at Higher National Diploma level or higher);
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt the following full time undergraduate courses are excluded:
  - (i) Courses provided in a college which are offered in private commercial third level colleges in Ireland, and which are validated by that college, and;
  - (ii) Courses provided elsewhere in colleges akin to private commercial colleges in Ireland.



## **Schedule to Appendix 1**

National University of Ireland, Dublin (UCD)  
National University of Ireland, Cork (UCC)  
National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)  
Maynooth University (NUIM)  
Trinity College Dublin  
Dublin City University  
University of Limerick  
Athlone Institute of Technology  
Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown  
Institute of Technology, Carlow  
Cork Institute of Technology  
Dundalk Institute of Technology  
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology  
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology  
Letterkenny Institute of Technology  
Limerick Institute of Technology  
Institute of Technology, Sligo  
Institute of Technology, Tallaght  
Institute of Technology, Tralee  
Waterford Institute of Technology  
Dublin Institute of Technology  
National College of Art & Design, Dublin  
National College of Ireland, Dublin  
Marino Institute of Education, Dublin  
Mary Immaculate College, Limerick  
St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo

### **Pontifical University of Maynooth**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology [3 years]
- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology and Arts [3 years]
- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology & Arts International [4 years]

### **Carlow College, (St. Patrick's)**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses: -

- BA (Ordinary) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care [1 year add-on]
- BA (Ordinary) in Humanities {Philosophy, Theology and Arts} [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Humanities {Philosophy, Theology and Arts} [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in Citizenship and Community Studies [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in English and History [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in Theology [3 years]

### **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- NUI Degree of MB (Hons), BCH, BAO, LRCP, SI [5 years]
- NUI Degree of MB (Hons), BCH, BAO, LRCP, SI [6 years]

- NUI Degree BSc (Hons) in Pharmacy [4 years]
- BSc in Physiotherapy (NUI Award) [4 years]

**Montessori College, (A.M.I.) Milltown**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Montessori Teaching Diploma
  - Part 1: Early Childhood (3 to 6 year olds) [Year 1 and 2]
  - Part 2: Primary (6 to 12 year olds) [Year 3]

**St. Nicholas Montessori College**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Higher Certificate in Arts in Early Years Montessori Education [2 years]
- BA in Montessori Education [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Montessori Education [1 year]