

Did you know that there is a broad range of bursary or scholarship schemes in operation which provide an opportunity for students or potential students to access additional financial support if they meet the criteria? It is certainly worth a student's time investigating these scholarships / bursaries / access programmes and, while it is our hope that this leaflet will help you, there are many not listed here. We encourage you to follow us on Twitter @soccguidance and listen to daily announcements for further updates.

Careers Portal have a much longer list and update this list frequently. We have chosen to concentrate our list to local colleges and universities. We advise students to keep checking Careers Portal for updates

https://careersportal.ie/parents/index.php?ed_sub_cat_id=56&menu_parent_id=16&parent=16

They have a huge list of scholarships available. <https://careersportal.ie/scholarships/>

1) Academic Scholarships

i. Automatic Scholarships: Many colleges offer an automatic entrance scholarship sum to students who received a substantially high number of points in the Leaving Certificate. In the case of NUI Maynooth, for instance, anyone who received more than 500 points receives €1,000. NUI Galway's best and brightest are awarded a €1,700 Excellence Scholarship if they achieve 560 points in their Leaving Cert. Those entering Trinity College are eligible for one of five Reid Entrance Exhibition awards. Exhibitioners have their commons (evening meal) free, are supplied with a laptop and receive a salary of €6,000 per annum. DCU introduced a new scholarship in September 2017 for incoming students who will now be awarded an academic scholarship worth €500 by gaining over 550 in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent

exams. Again, there is no application process for this academic scholarship. If students gain the stated number of points, meet the specific entry requirements and register in DCU, they will automatically receive the scholarship. UCD award the 'Entrance Exhibition Award' to 1st Years with 560 points or more in recognition of their academic accomplishment to date.

ii. UCD's Ad Astra Academy: Scholarships for school leavers entering UCD will be awarded based on the academic criteria, an online application and an interview. Ad Astra Academic Scholarships will be awarded based on the academic criteria of 6 H1's in the first sitting of the Leaving Cert. Only students who have completed either the Irish Leaving Certificate or the GCE A levels in Northern Ireland or U.K. are eligible to apply. The application will consist of a personal statement and a statement of achievement 'beyond the classroom'. Achievement 'beyond the classroom' could include: Achievement in national competition such as Young Scientist, Maths Olympiad or Debating; Evidence of active citizenship or volunteering for example through a Silver or Gold Gaisce Award; Evidence of innovation or entrepreneurship; Evidence of leadership in a school, club or sporting context; Achievement in cultural, musical or artistic pursuits. Further details on: <https://www.ucd.ie/adastracademy/academic/scholarships>

iii. The Naughton Scholarships: a scheme of scholarships to promote the study of engineering, science and technology at third level by students in Ireland. Each year from February to May Leaving Certificate students can apply for a scholarship if they intend on studying science, engineering or technology at third level that year. All applications are reviewed in August each year and the winners of scholarships are notified in September. All second-level students who have been attending a recognised school in the Republic of Ireland for at least two years immediately preceding the sitting of the Leaving Certificate examination; Who are sitting examinations in at least two

of the following Leaving Certificate science and maths subjects - Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Physics and Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Agricultural Science, Technology and Design and Communication Graphics (the "Applicable Subjects"); Who intend in the year immediately following their Leaving Certificate to pursue a full-time undergraduate programme of three or more year's duration in engineering, science or technology related courses, in any publicly funded university or third level institution in Ireland, including Northern Ireland. Further details on : www.thenaughtonfoundation.com/scholarships

- iv. Royal College of Surgeons offers the Consilio Manuque Medicine Scholarship award to the student with the highest combined Leaving Certificate and HPAT scores and for the duration of their five-year Medical Degree programme (€25,000 over five years). Applicants must complete the Consilio Manuque Medicine Scholarship application form and submit a 300-word personal statement detailing their passion and commitment to study medicine in RCSI. For further details please email admissions@rcsi.ie.
- v. In this prosperous time in Ireland, we have found it the case that some benefactors come forward and offer students bursaries towards their education. Schools would look at several factors when considering who these bursaries should go to including exam results, involvement in school life, interest in education etc.

2) Sports Scholarships

- i. UCD Ad Astra Academy Elite Sports Programme - Successful candidates will be offered a place in the Academy subject to an offer and acceptance of a course in UCD. Some provision may be made for successful candidates who do not attain the required points for their chosen degree but who can show

evidence of ability to undertake their chosen course. This concession is intended to reflect the time commitment and discipline invested by scholars in their sporting pursuits. However, all candidates must meet minimum Matriculation subject entry requirements. Opening Date: Applications open from 1st November 2017. Closing Date: 31st January 2018. Further details on: <https://www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/sports/applications/>

ii. NUI Maynooth - Did you know that it's possible to get into NUI Maynooth on a snooker scholarship - the only one of its kind in the world? A number of these €2,000-a-year scholarships are available, supported by the Republic of Ireland Snooker and Billiards Association, affording players a bursary and professional coaching. Rugby, camogie, swimming, golf and GAA scholarships are also available at NUI Maynooth as is the Michael Osborne Equine Business Scholarships, offered via Horse Racing Ireland. If your sport is not mentioned, it is important to research the CAO Points Concession Application for High Performance Athletes on NUI Maynooth site. The final deadline for submitting your application is April 1st and all details can be found on www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/scholarships/sport-scholarships

iii. NUI Galway - NUI Galway offers Elite Sports Scholarships and Sports Performance Points Scholarships - about 32 in all. Closing Date is the 31st July each year and information is available on www.nuigalway.ie/sports/elitesport/elitesportscholarshipdetails/

iv. DCU -the Elite Athlete Development Programme awards successful candidates with up to €3,000 in athlete support services. Applications will be considered from prospective students. In order to be considered for a sport scholarship prospective student must meet the DCU admission requirements through the CAO system and must enrol on a programme of academic study at DCU. Only sports recognised by the Irish Sports Council will be

considered. Candidates must compete and perform at International, National, and Inter-provincial, Inter-County and/or Senior Club level and maintain an appropriate level of commitment to the DCU sports club in your sport, in intervarsity and other competitions and/or training. They must also contribute to the administration, coaching, promotion and development of the DCU club. The closing date for Sport Scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 academic year is the 1st of May 2018 and further details can be found on <http://www4.dcu.ie/studentsport/scholarships.shtml%20>

v. DKIT Scholarships - Currently the following Sports Scholarships schemes are available: DKIT GAA Scholarship, DKIT General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship, DKIT & Dundalk F.C. Soccer Scholarship, DKIT & Drogheda United F.C. Soccer Scholarship, DKIT and Louth GAA Scholarships. The closing date for applications is May 2020. Further information can be found on <https://www.dkit.ie/sports-societies/sports-scholarships-dkit>

vi. TU Dublin Athlete Support Programme; Students who apply for a place on the Athlete Support Programme at the Dublin Institute of Technology are encouraged to nominate this Institute of Technology as their first choice on the University and College preferences list on the C.A.O. application form.

vii. **GAA National Student Bursaries Scheme** The GAA have again reiterated their commitment to the ongoing educational development of its players and members by announcing details of the 2018/2019 GAA National Student Bursary scheme. Now in its eleventh year, the scheme is open to members of the Association who are attending a full-time Higher Education course (except those who hold another GAA-related or college scholarship/bursary) and who are active participants in their Higher Education club; to date the GAA has invested over €2million in the past decade that the Bursary Schemes have been in existence. The schemes are administered by the respective Provincial Councils and recipients will again be selected based on a

range of criteria, including their playing, coaching or administrative commitments to the GAA. Several awards in each province will be reserved for those excelling in the areas of coaching and administration. Applications in Leinster for the scheme will be considered by a sub-committee of the Leinster Council and each bursary granted will be for €750.

viii. High Performance Entry Scheme - Under the HPE Scheme, IT Carlow offers up to 50 extra performance points for students who have achieved a minimum of 250 CAO Points in their Leaving Certificate or FETAC Level 5 award (CAS) and who meet minimum entry requirements of the programme for which they have applied. A total of 12 places will be offered with up to 4 places in each category of Sport, Active Citizenship and Innovation/Entrepreneurship. The Institute intends to add a new category for Creative and Performing Arts in future academic sessions. [Click here for details](#)

3) Scholarships for students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds

i. JP McManus funded 'The All Ireland Scholarship' The scheme was established in 2008 to support many gifted young students across the whole island of Ireland, giving them extra financial support to enable them to participate in all aspects of college life during their third level education. There is no application process in the Republic of Ireland. You must however fit the following criteria: You must attend a non-fee-paying secondary school; you must be exempt from paying the Leaving Certificate 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. The completion of the form for exemption from the Leaving Certificate Fee automatically communicates your eligibility to the Department of Education and Skills via the State

Examinations Commission. You must be doing the Leaving Certificate for the first time; you must not be the holder of another scholarship as outlined in further detail on the Department of Education and Skills website.

ii. HEAR: Various socio-economic factors are taken into consideration including long-term unemployment, low family income, little or no family tradition of progression to third level education, limited study facilities at home and family stresses - particularly those related to limited finance. For information on HEAR, click onto <http://accesscollege.ie/hear/>

iii. TUD Access Scheme also provide an excellent Access scheme and we at St. Oliver's are lucky enough to be a link school to DIT. Student's from St. Oliver's can apply for the Access programme. The benefits of applying are: Application Support from TUD Access Service staff and reduced points CAO offers for courses in TUD provided you meet the minimum entry requirements. Further information can be found at <https://tudublin.ie/study/undergraduate/how-to-apply/entry-pathways/access-foundation-programme/>

iv. The Third Level Bursary Scheme 2020 (for students from DEIS schools): These bursaries are awarded to the best-performing students based on the Leaving Certificate examination results. Awards will be made on a regional basis; Dublin, rest of Leinster, Munster, Connaught/Ulster. A minimum of 60 bursaries will be available in 2017. The amount of the bursary will be €2,000 per student per year of their course and will be paid as a single payment at the beginning of the academic year. Students to whom bursaries are awarded will also be entitled to apply for student grants towards the cost of maintenance and the student contribution or fees. Applications are not necessary for these bursaries as they will be automatically awarded based on Leaving Certificate examination results

iv. Ernest Walton STEM Bursary: The Ernest Walton STEM bursaries will be based on both results and on the students' course choice for third level. It is necessary to apply for an Ernest Walton STEM bursary. In addition to the eligibility requirements for the main Third Level Bursary Scheme outlined above a student must be accepted onto an approved course in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Each candidate must submit a completed application form and provide evidence from the CAO that he/she has applied for a STEM course as their first choice. Third level courses of two or more year's duration, listed as STEM courses on http://www.careersportal.ie/members/auth/courses/cao_stem_wizard.php and pursued at a publicly funded institution will be considered. To be awarded a bursary a student must be accepted on to and be attending a course that meets these criteria.

v. DKIT Access Scholarship: A limited number of scholarships are made available each year for applicants to DKIT from Further Education colleges or second level schools in counties Louth, Meath, Monaghan and Cavan. Each scholarship is worth €3000 per annum for each year that the student is at DKIT on a course no longer in duration than four years. Applications will be accepted from those whose family income does not exceed 35,000 euro. Your Guidance Counsellor will have applications for this scholarship.

vi. Royal College of Surgeons offer The Kiran Pathak Scholarship for students with a desire to study Pharmacy and who, due to social exclusion, may otherwise be unable to undertake this course of study. Financial support is provided through this scholarship to reduce the financial burden of undertaking the five-year Pharmacy Degree programme. RCSI Kiran Pathak Fund Scholarship applicants must be eligible for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR). Further requirements and details are available on www.rcsi.ie.

vii.1916 Bursary Fund - Programme for Access to Higher Education: The 1916 Bursary Fund was announced by the Minister for Education and Skills on 30 December, 2017. The purpose of this funding is to encourage participation and success by students from sections of society that are significantly under-represented in higher education. This funding will support the awarding of 200 new bursaries by higher education institutions to students for each of the next three academic years commencing in 2017-

18. Application for bursaries will be made directly by students to higher education institutions. Information on the application process will be available from the access office of the institution in which you intend studying in. Further details will be given as they arise but with €6m allocated, the 1916 Bursary Fund is certainly a fund you need to watch out for as you enter third level. All recipients will have to be socio-economically disadvantaged regardless of the target group but students with a disability - particularly students with a physical/mobility impairment, students who are deaf/hard of hearing and students who are blind or have a visual impairment, Travellers and Ethnic minorities are among the target groups who will benefit from the scheme.

viii.A further €3m has been set aside to encourage diversity in teaching profession and local HEIs such as Maynooth University, Dublin City University, University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, National College of Art and Design, Marino Institute of Education, DKIT, IT Tallaght and IT Blanchardstown have been invited to participate. Turn to Teaching is one initiative that should be checked out - this is a back door into teaching for those who are underrepresented in the education system.

ix.University of Sanctuary - Dublin City University was designated a "University of Sanctuary" in December 2016 in recognition of our commitment to welcome asylum seekers and refugees into the university

community and to foster a culture of inclusion for all. DCU provides fifteen academic scholarships to applicants who are currently in Ireland in Direct Provision either as asylum seekers or refugees.

x. Third Level Access Fund - The Third Level Access Fund is designed to support those residing in Co. Louth who are from welfare dependent or low-income families to attend training and courses on a Full-time and Part-time basis to aid their personal progression towards achieving a professional qualification. A committee has been set up to evaluate all applications. Allocated support will be up to a maximum of €500 for full-time courses and €300 for part-time courses, depending on the need of the applicant based on the assessment of their application. Eligible expenses include the following: Course/Exam Fees, Travel - Matthews Coach only, Books, Equipment/Materials and Childcare costs.

4) Performing Arts Scholarships

I. UCD Ad Astra Performing Arts Scholarship Programme: Applications are encouraged from top performing students who wish to continue to develop their artistic talents while at the same time pursuing a high-quality academic experience. For more information, go to <https://www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/performingarts>

II. Music - Elsewhere, several students with choral and musical talents get a financial head start in institutions across the land. **NUI Maynooth** offers an annual award of €2,000 to one student. Some 18 choral scholarships and symphony orchestra scholarships are offered to musically-gifted applicants at **UCD** every year, while NUI Galway offers choral scholarships to up to 20 students who form a choral ensemble under the direction of Mark Duley, organist of St Nicholas, and director of St Nicholas Schola Cantorum.

Trinity College offers myriad scholarships for music students, too, among them organ and chapel choir scholarships.

III. Creative Arts Performance Points in NUI Galway - Special performance points for students who show exceptional artistic promise and achievement under five areas of excellence in the creative arts field.

5) International Students

I. Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship Scheme - This national scheme aims to assist high-achieving, second-level school leavers from Ireland's newest communities to pursue their third-level educational goals at NUI Galway, to realise their full potential, and to contribute to shaping Ireland of today and tomorrow. Further information can be found on Careers Portal.

6) Other Scholarships

I. VIP Fresher - The VIP Fresher competition is a unique opportunity to receive a VIP package in your first year in college with many freebies made available to benefit from. The prize is awarded to the student who records the most unique video (2min) who meets the criteria (has a DCU course on the CAO, met the entry requirements and awarded a place on the course).

II. Undergraduate Scholarship for students with disabilities

at NUI, Maynooth_- This scholarship, which is for studies leading to an undergraduate degree, is valued at a maximum of €2,000 for the academic year. The scholarship is open to entrant undergraduate students with a significant disability who are experiencing financial difficulties. Subject to satisfactory progress it may be renewed for a further two years.

Criteria for the Maynooth University Disability Scholarship. Applicants must be students registering for the first year of a primary degree course in Maynooth University. Students will be considered for a scholarship where

their needs assessment has identified that a significant level of support is required to assist with participation and retention in college. A significant level of support includes eligibility for a Personal Assistant (PA), Irish Sign Language (ISL) Interpretation, Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP), Student Central referral, transport, campus accommodation and/or flexibility on attendance due to impact of a disability. Students must be also be in financial hardship to be eligible for the Disability Scholarship. The adjudication on financial hardship will be determined by the Student Budgeting Advisor. Only students who meet the criteria for a scholarship due to the impact of a disability will be referred to the Student Budgeting Advisor. Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available scholarships, the needs assessments will be reviewed by the Disability Office to prioritise those applicants where the impact is most significant.

III. *CRC Ciaran Barry Graduate Scholarship*: The Central Remedial Clinic offers an annual scholarship for a student with a disability. The Scholarship is reserved for a student undertaking a postgraduate degree and is open to any academic discipline. The grant covers one academic year of study.

IV. *National Building Agency Foley Scholarship for Architecture*: These Scholarships are designed to provide the opportunity to study Architecture to persons who, because of economic or social disadvantage, might not be in a position to undertake such a course of study. Two or more Scholarships, amounting to a total of up to €8,000, are awarded each academic year. The scholarship is for same amount for the duration of the degree programme.

V. *Intel Shannon Women in Technology Scholarships in Ireland* : Female students from Ireland are invited to apply for Intel Shannon Women in Technology Scholarships. These scholarships are available to pursue a relevant Computer Science/Technology/Engineering courses. Through the

'Women in Technology' scholarship program, Intel hopes to increase awareness and encourage a new generation of high-achieving women to take up the challenge of a career in science and technology. These Scholarships are valued at €3,000 each per annum, for females entering specified four-year undergraduate degree courses.

VI. Irish Tax Institute Third-Level Scholarship Programme: The Irish Tax Institute Third-Level Scholarship Programme is an opportunity for a student to receive some financial assistance through third-level education, as well as a place on the CTA programme to begin a career as a Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA). Leaving Certificate students in the Republic of Ireland who are interested in a career in tax but who require financial support to progress to third-level can apply for the Scholarship. The Irish Tax Institute Third-Level Scholarship Programme will (subject to the Rules of the Scholarship) provide an award towards living expenses and books. This amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Scholarship Committee. This will be paid to the Scholar monthly from October to May. On completion of the third-level undergraduate degree, the Scholarship will cover the costs of the Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) qualification. The Scholar will be provided with a mentor from the Irish Tax Institute to provide support to them throughout their time in the Scholarship Programme.