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Available Supports for Students attending Further and Higher Education

The following document contains a list of some of the available financial supports in the Irish Education System and where to find further information. As each higher education institute has a range of scholarships, *it does not represent a complete list and therefore will serve as a living document.*

Government Supports

[Student Universal Support Ireland \(SUSI\)](#) - financial support available to those attending Colleges of Further Education and Higher Education Institutes

[HEAR](#) - The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a college and university scheme that offers students who are underrepresented at Higher Education due to their socio-economic background university and college places on reduced points. Students who enter higher education through the HEAR scheme receive extra college supports.

[DARE](#) - The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education. *No financial support provided.*

DEIS School Supports

[Third Level Bursary Scheme](#) - This is a scheme of bursaries for students from DEIS schools based on Leaving Certificate examination results.

[Ernest Walton STEM Scholarship](#) – Similar to the Third Level Bursary but aimed at students who are studying a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

[Professor William C Campbell Bursary Scheme](#) – A bursary available to students from DEIS schools who intend on completing a third level course in the Medicine, Zoology, Physiology and Bio-Medical field

Scholarships for Members of the Travelling Community

Some higher education institutes have scholarship funding for members of the travelling community. Examples: Trinity College offers the [The Gisele Schmidt Scholars Fund for Travellers](#) and the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI) has the [Traveller Community Access Programme Scholarship](#).

Contact your course provider to see if there is support available.

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Scholarships & Grants for Asylum Seekers / Refugees

[Student Grant Scheme for Asylum Seekers](#) - The Student Support Scheme for people in the International Protection System provides financial grants for students who are in the protection system or at the leave to remain (but not deportation order) stage.

[Irish Refugee Council Education Funds](#) - The fund provides financial assistance to people in the protection process to access further education.

Sanctuary Scholarships - many institutions offer sanctuary scholarships to asylum seekers and refugee students pursuing an undergraduate degree. See the website of the institution you are applying for the most up to date information.

Further information can be found in [this booklet](#) produced by the Irish Refugee Council.

Other Scholarships to apply for while in Secondary School

[All Ireland Scholarship Scheme](#) - eligible students are first-time Leaving Certificate students who have been exempt from paying the Leaving Certificate exam fee and who have attended non-fee paying post primary schools.

[Naughton Foundation Scholarship](#) - 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.

Sports Scholarships - Most Higher Education Institutes offer scholarships to students who are elite athletes. For more information, check out the scholarship page on the institution you are applying to.

Music Scholarships - Many Higher Education Institutes offer scholarships to students who excel in music. For more information, check out the scholarship page on the institution you are applying to.

[Gerard Byrne Bursary](#) - NCBI is keen to remedy the low levels of students who are blind or vision impaired attending third-level education by offering financial support through the Gerard Byrne Bursary.

***This is not an exhaustive list. Please research the scholarship page on the institution you are interested in applying to in order to ensure the most up to date information.*

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Scholarships and Funding to apply for while *in* Further and Higher Education Institute

Further and Higher Education Institutes will have their own funding and scholarships available. There are scholarships available for a range of cohorts of students including, but not limited to, asylum seekers, athletes, musicians, STEM, women in STEM, financial hardship, performing arts,

For the most up to date information, see the scholarships or financial support sections of the institution's website.

Look out for:

[1916 Bursary](#) -The bursary aims to provide support for economically disadvantaged students from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education, including:

- Socio-economic groups that have low participation in higher education (i.e. demonstrated by either highest level of SUSI or DSP means tested Social Welfare payment)
- First Time Mature Students
- Students with a disability, particularly students with a physical/mobility impairment or students with a sensory disability, students who are deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired students.
- Irish Travellers
- Entering on the basis of a further education award
- Lone parents with a DSP means tested Social Welfare payment
- Ethnic minorities (including programme refugees and persons from other ethnic minority groups lawfully present in the State who meet the definition of student in section 14 of the Student Support Act 2011 and regulation 5 of the Student Support Regulations 2017. S.I No. 126 of 2017.

Student Assistance Fund (SAF)* - The Student Assistance Fund provides financial support to full or part-time students who are experiencing financial difficulties while attending college. Students can apply for the Student Assistance Fund to help with either temporary or ongoing financial difficulties.

**Contact student services in your institution to find out more.*

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Financial support if studying abroad for part of your studies:

SUSI Grant - will continue to pay maintenance grant if eligible
Erasmus+ - You may receive an [Erasmus+ grant](#). This will depend on many factors such as:

- differences in living costs between your country and the destination country,
- the number of students applying for a grant,
- the distance between countries

Other Scholarships

[Intel Women in Technology Scholarships](#)

[SVP Education and Training Bursary Fund](#)

[Google Scholarships](#)

[Link Credit Union](#)

Contact your local authority for information on financial supports available