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SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) - Student Grants 2024/25

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you about SUSI, the national awarding authority responsible for student grants. The Online Student Grant Application System (accessible at www.susi.ie or www.grantsonline.ie) provides a quick, user friendly way to apply for your daughter's/ward's grant for 2024/25. If she is thinking of embarking on either a Further Education (PLC) or Higher Education Course (CAO) you should investigate whether she is eligible, and if so, submit an **online application**.

The **SUSI website** (www.susi.ie) is a comprehensive source of information on the student grant scheme and provides a handy **step-by-step guide to eligibility and the grants process**. Please refer particularly to '**Resources**', where you will find several useful items such as: '*Your Guide to SUSI*', '*Your New Application Form Guide*', '*Your Guide to Supporting Documents*', '*Document Requirement Guidelines for the Student Support Scheme for those in the International Protection System*', '*SUSI Information Videos*', (and the '*Eligibility Indicator*' app), etc.

If you have any further questions in relation to grants you can contact SUSI, by phone on **0818 888 777** (Monday to Friday 09:00 – 17:30) or by email at **support@susi.ie**.

Changes to the Student Grant Scheme Announced in Budget 2024

As part of Budget 2024, several changes to the Student Grant Scheme for the 2024/25 academic year were announced. For further information on these changes, please refer to <https://www.susi.ie/news/susi-is-now-open-for-new-applications-for-academic-year-202425/#:~:text=We%20are%20open!,apply%20section%20of%20our%20website>.

Key Dates for SUSI Applicants in 2024

SUSI is **now open** for new applications for the academic year 2024/25.

Priority **closing date** for new applications is **11th July 2024**.



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Virtual SUSI Information Event

Please keep an eye on the SUSI website (www.susi.ie) for details relating to the forthcoming virtual SUSI Information Event.

Tax Relief for Tuition Fees Paid in Respect of Third Level Education

You *may* also be able to claim tax relief on the tuition fees (including the Student Contribution) paid for approved Undergraduate courses, Information Technology (IT) and Foreign Language courses. Lists of courses and colleges approved for relief are published on the **Revenue website** (www.revenue.ie). You can claim tax relief as long as you have actually paid the fees, either on your own behalf or on behalf of another person.

The maximum amount of fees (including the Student Contribution) that can qualify for tax relief is €7,000 per person, per course, per academic year. Regarding a full-time student, there is **no tax relief on the first €3,000** spent on tuition fees (including the Student Contribution) for each tax year. For a part-time student there is no tax relief on the first €1,500 spent on tuition fees (including the Student Contribution) for each tax year. If you are claiming for **more than one student**, you will get full tax relief on tuition fees (including the Student Contribution) for the second or subsequent students.

Refer to '*Tuition Fees Paid for Third Level Education*' on the Revenue website (www.revenue.ie) for further information (e.g. How do you calculate the relief? How to claim relief on tuition fees? etc.)

The topic of grants and SUSI has been covered with your daughter/ward in class by the Guidance Counsellor, as part of the Senior Cycle Guidance Programme. In the meantime, I hope you find this information helpful in planning for your daughter's/ward's continued education.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our sixth-year students the very best of luck with their Leaving Certificate Examinations and in the next chapter of their lives.

Yours sincerely,

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