



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.



Coláiste Bríde Guidance Counselling Service



18th April 2023

Student Grants 2023/2024 – SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland)

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** (www.susi.ie or www.grantsonline.ie) provides a quick, user friendly way to apply for your daughter's/ward's grant for 2023/2024. 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 Application Form Guide 2023/2024**', '**Your Guide to Supporting Documents**', '**Information Videos**', (and the '**Eligibility Indicator**' app).

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 2023

As part of Budget 2023, the following **changes** to the Student Grant Scheme for the 2023/24 academic year were announced:

- Increase in income limit from €55,240 to €62,000 for the 50% student contribution grant.
- New student contribution grant of €500 for incomes between €62,000 and €100,000.
- Exclusion of rental income earned under Rent-a Room Relief Scheme from reckonable income.
- Increase in the amount of Holiday Earnings which may be deducted from the total household income from €4,500 to €6,552.

Key Dates for SUSI Applicants in 2023

SUSI is **now open for new applications** for the academic year 2023/24.

Priority closing date for **new applications** is **6th July 2023**.

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Virtual SUSI Information Event

A virtual SUSI Information Event will take place as per details the following details. An expert team will be on hand to explore topics such as types of funding available, eligibility criteria, the application process and to answer any questions parents/guardians and students may have.

Date: Saturday 6th May 2023

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Event

Places are **limited** so be sure to secure yours now by **registering** at events@susi.ie by **10:00 am** on **Friday 5th May 2023**.

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. 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 will be covered with your daughter/ward, by the Guidance Counsellor, in the coming weeks as part of the Senior Cycle Guidance Programme. In the meantime, I hope you find this information helpful in planning for your daughter's continued education.



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

Yours sincerely,

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