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Guidance Counselling Department

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SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) - Student Grants 2026/27

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 (available at www.susi.ie or www.grantsonline.ie) provides a quick, user-friendly way to apply for your daughter/ward's grant for the 2026/27 academic year. If your daughter/ward is considering further education (e.g. a Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) course) or higher education (e.g. courses applied for through the CAO), you are encouraged to check eligibility and, if appropriate, submit an **online application**.

The **SUSI website** (www.susi.ie) is a comprehensive source of information on the student grant scheme and includes a step-by-step guide to eligibility and the application process. The website contains useful materials such as:

- ***SUSI Guides: Your New Application Form Guide***
- ***Your Guide to Supporting Documents***
- ***Student Support Scheme for those in the International Protection System***
- ***Income Thresholds and Grant Award Rates***
- ***Eligibility Indicator*** tool

If you have any 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 2026

A number of measures announced in Budget 2026 will result in changes to student funding.

For further information, please refer to [Budget 2026 | SUSI](#)



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Key Dates for SUSI Applicants in 2026:

Applications open: **1 April 2026 (12 noon)**

Priority closing date for new applications: **9 July 2026**

SUSI Virtual Information Event:

SUSI's Virtual Information Event will take place on **Monday, 27 April 2026 at 7 pm**. This event is ideal for anyone planning to attend further or higher education in 2026/27 and who would like to learn more about student funding.

During the event, SUSI representatives will outline the types of funding available, explain the eligibility criteria, and guide attendees through the application process. SUSI's expert team will also be available to answer questions. Please see [SUSI Information Event 2026 | SUSI](#) for more details.

Places are limited, so early registration is advised. To register, please email events@susi.ie by **10 am on Thursday, 23 April 2026**.

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

You may be able to claim tax relief on tuition fees paid for undergraduate courses, information technology (IT), and foreign language courses. A list of approved colleges and courses is published annually on the Revenue website (www.revenue.ie).

You can claim tax relief if you have paid the fees, either on your own behalf or on behalf of another person.

Further information is available at:

- 1) **Citizens Information** - [Tax relief for third-level fees](#)
- 2) **Revenue** - [Tuition fees paid for third level education](#)

Senior Cycle Guidance Programme:

The topic of SUSI and student grants was covered with your daughter/ward by the guidance counsellor as part of the Senior Cycle Guidance Programme.

I hope you find this information helpful in planning for your daughter/ward's continued education.



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

Yours sincerely,

Aisling McDonald

(Guidance Counsellor)