

# Third-Level Education Scholarship Scheme 2020

## Rules and Procedures

### General

The Bantry Credit Union Third-Level Education Scholarship Scheme was introduced in 2003 to mark the opening of Bantry Credit Union's new premises at Wolfe Tone Square. Each year one Scholarship is awarded. The value of the Scholarship is €1,500 per year and the Scholarship is tenable for a period of up to four years or the duration of the Scholarship holder's course, whichever is the shorter. Cumulatively, therefore, the Scholarship may be worth up to €6,000 over four years to the recipient.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the 2020 award, a person must fulfil the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be either a member or the child of a member of good standing of Bantry Credit Union Ltd as at 1 January 2020.
2. The applicant must be in receipt of an offer of a place at a recognised third-level institution within the European Union.
3. The course the applicant intends to pursue must be a full-time course of at least two years' duration and must lead to the award of a Higher Certificate, its equivalent or a higher award.
4. The applicant must be entering third-level education in the academic year 2020/2021 for the first time, whether as a school-leaver or as a mature student.<sup>1</sup>
5. With the exception of a SUSI Student Grant, the applicant must not be in receipt of any other scholarship or other form of funding to a value greater than €250 per annum.

### Selection Process

1. An Application Pack is available to download from our website at [www.bantrycu.ie](http://www.bantrycu.ie) or by email from [julie@bantrycu.ie](mailto:julie@bantrycu.ie).
2. The Pack is an editable PDF containing:
  - Scheme Rules and Procedures
  - Application Form including written submission titled 'Why I should be awarded the Scholarship'
3. Completed applications must be returned by email to [julie@bantrycu.ie](mailto:julie@bantrycu.ie) by Saturday, 19 September, i.e. three days after the return date for CAO Round One offers.

<sup>1</sup> There is one exception to this requirement. A student who entered third-level education in 2019/2020 for the first time, but was ineligible to apply for the Scholarship in 2019 because he/she did not receive an offer of a place until the CAO Second Round offers, can apply for the Scholarship in 2020 subject to satisfactory proof.

4. The application must contain:
  - Completed Application Form including written submission titled 'Why I should be awarded the Scholarship'.
  - Evidence of the offer of a place at a recognised third-level institution within the European Union. This can be a photograph or scanned copy of the offer document.
5. Following the closing date, all eligible applications will be considered by an independent panel, none of whom will have any connection with Bantry Credit Union. The independent panel will draw up a short list of applicants for interview.
6. Unless circumstances prevent such occurring, interviews will be held remotely on Zoom within fourteen days of the closing date for receipt of applications.
7. The independent panel will interview all applicants on the short list who attend for interview. Following these interviews, the independent panel will nominate the person to whom the Scholarship is to be awarded.
8. In making its nomination, the independent panel may take into account the following:
  - The applicant's application
  - The applicant's academic results
  - The applicant's interview
  - Any other matter that the independent panel considers relevant
9. Under no circumstances will late applications be considered and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to the awarding of the Scholarship.
10. The decision of the independent panel in the awarding of the Scholarship will be binding on Bantry Credit Union Ltd.

## Terms and Conditions

1. It is the responsibility of applicants to be available for interview at the date and time decided by the independent panel.
2. The awarding of the Scholarship will be made by the Board of Directors of Bantry Credit Union Ltd at a date of its choosing and it is a condition of the award that the successful applicant will be present in person to receive the award.
3. Continued payment of the Scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress of the Scholarship holder, as evidenced by passing the prescribed examinations and any other assessments of the course of studies he or she is undertaking.
4. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments of €750 each academic year, the first in mid-October and the second in early February.
5. The Scholarship holder will submit to Bantry Credit Union evidence of his or her registration from the relevant educational institution before drawing down the first instalment of the Scholarship each year.
6. The Scholarship holder will submit to Bantry Credit Union evidence of his or her satisfactory progress from the relevant educational institution before drawing down the second instalment of the Scholarship each year.

*The Board of Directors of Bantry Credit Union Ltd reserves the right to withdraw, or alter the Rules and Procedures of, the Third-Level Education Scholarship Scheme at any time.*

*Revised August 2020*

# Application Form

Submission deadline is 19 September 2020

Bantry Credit Union Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's or Parent/Guardian's)

## Personal Details

### Applicant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 2 (if applicable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_



## Your Brothers and Sisters

Name	Age	Indicate whether at school, third-level education, working or other

Are there any other dependent relatives living at your home? If so, please provide details:

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## Educational Details

### Second-Level School(s) Attended

**Name and address**

**Years**

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Principal at school at which you sat the Leaving Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

### Junior Certificate Results:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject**

**Level**

**Grade**

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### Leaving Certificate Results:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Level	Grade	CAO Points
<b>Total CAO Points</b>			

## Proposed Third-Level Education Course

Please give details of the full-time course on which you have been offered a place by a recognised third-level institution within the European Union.

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_

Name of course \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of course \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification to be awarded on completion of the course \_\_\_\_\_

Have you accepted the offer of a place? **Yes**                      **No**

## Other Scholarships and Awards

Have you applied for any other Scholarships or Awards other than a SUSI Student Grant?

**Yes**                      **No**

If yes, please give details:

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## Extra-Curricular Activities

Please give details of any extra-curricular activities, for example sports, voluntary or community work, Gaisce

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## Declaration

- I declare that the information given on this application form is correct.
- I agree to be bound by the Rules and Procedures governing Bantry Credit Union's Third-Level Education Scholarship Scheme.
- I give permission to the Independent Panel established under the Scheme to discuss this application with the Principal of the Second-Level School at which I sat the Leaving Certificate.
- I give permission to the Independent Panel established under the Scheme to discuss this application with any Trustee or Administrator of any Scholarship Scheme or Grant Agency to which I have applied and I give permission to the Independent Panel and any such Trustee or Administrator to exchange any information regarding my application that they deem appropriate.

Type your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DON'T FORGET!** You must include with your application evidence of the offer you received of a place at a third-level institution. This can be an email, screenshot or photo of your CAO offer – anything that shows you've been offered a place.





## 'Why I should be awarded the scholarship'

The Independent Panel take a whole range of factors into consideration when selecting the person to whom the Scholarship is to be awarded. This part of the Application Form gives you an opportunity to present your case for being awarded the Scholarship. Your written submission should cover the following 4 topics:

1. Reasons why I should be awarded the Scholarship
2. Reasons I chose my first-choice course on the CAO application form
3. My ideal career
4. The proudest moment of my life

### Reasons why I should be awarded the Scholarship

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### Reasons I chose my first-choice course on the CAO application form

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### My ideal career

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