

Bantry Credit Union launches Scholarship 2020

Bantry Credit Union has announced the launch of its annual Third-Level Education Scholarship Scheme for 2020. The scholarship is worth up to €6,000 over four years to the winner.

Set up in 2003, the scholarship is now in its 17th year. Like everything else this year, the scholarship application and award process is going to be done differently this autumn due to Covid-19.

For starters, it's being run a bit later than usual. That's because it is always tied into the CAO Round One dates. This year, the Round One offers are being issued on September 11, with a reply date of September 16. So, the closing date for receipt of completed application forms for the Bantry Credit Union Scholarship 2020 is Saturday, September 19.

The second change this year is that the entire process is going to be completed remotely. The application process will be completed online at www.bantrycu.ie or through email. And the selection process, including interviews with shortlisted candidates, will be conducted remotely via Zoom.

Announcing the launch of this year's scholarship, Bantry Credit Union Manager Finbarr O'Shea said that "it is just another instance of how everyone is having to adapt to the new realities in a Covid-19 world".

He paid tribute to the Independent Adjudicators who oversee the entire competition every year. The same three adjudicators have been involved more or less from the beginning. They are drawn from UCC, CIT and a second-level school outside Bantry. Finbarr said their commitment to the credit union's scholarship scheme for nearly 20 years "speaks volumes about the calibre, dedication and professionalism of so many educationalists who have devoted their working lives to education".

Full details of the scholarship scheme including application procedure, application form and Terms and Conditions will be available on the credit union's website (www.bantrycu.ie) from September 4. Alternatively students can email Julie Hurley (at julie@bantrycu.ie) who will be handling the administration of the scheme this year.

The main criteria governing eligibility to apply are:

1. The applicant must be either a member or the child of a member of good standing of Bantry Credit Union Ltd as at January 1, 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 2020/21 for the first time, whether as a school-leaver or as a mature student.
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.

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Travel Green List

I have to travel to a country on the 'COVID-19 green list' for essential purposes. What happens if it gets taken off the list while I am abroad?

The Government is advising against all non-essential travel overseas. But people may need to travel to and from Ireland for essential purposes and international travel cannot stop completely.

For that reason, on July 21 2020, the Government

Cyprus, Gibraltar, Monaco, and San Marino) because they had rising incidences of COVID-19. This meant that any Irish people who had travelled to Malta, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Monaco, or San Marino before August 4, 2020, now have to restrict their movements for 14 days upon returning home.

In conclusion, if you travel to a country or territory on the 'green list' and the country is removed from the list while you are abroad, you will have to restrict your movements for 14 days to minimise your risk

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When you hire someone to perform a service you are making a contract. As parties to the contract, you and the landscape gardener (the 'service supplier') have rights and obligations. If your service supplier does not do what they said they would, they are in breach of the contract. Contracts can be written or verbal and a verbal agreement is still legally binding.

Under the Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act, 1980 you are aware that the

you have a proof of purchase (a receipt, cheque stub, credit card statement or invoice); Keep all evidence of damage caused by poor work, for example take photos; Check any warranty or guarantee you got from your service provider (the warranty or guarantee is the service supplier's promise about the quality of their services and what they will do if there are problems).

First, complain to service supplier – explain what the problem is and how you want it to be put right. Put your complaint in writing so that

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