



Finn Valley College

Coláiste Ghleann na Finne

Drumboe Lower, Stranorlar, Lifford PO, Co. Donegal

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Information Note:

B&S Credit Union has been serving the people of the Finn Valley area since 1969. It currently has over 10,000 members. The mission statement of the B&S Credit Union is:

The Mission of the Credit Union is to promote the financial well being of its members. To achieve this purpose the Credit Union is committed to providing a broad range of innovative financial products supported by the excellent service of a dedicated, well trained staff.

Information and Application for Ballybofey & Stranorlar Credit Union Bursary

Finn Valley College is delighted to announce that it will be awarding a number of bursaries to students progressing to higher level education. Bursaries may range from €500 to €1000. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our local Credit Union the school will be supporting students who are endeavouring to create a great future for themselves.

The bursaries are intended to support students from a socio-economically disadvantaged background progressing to higher level education. The bursary will help to defray the significant costs of higher education. Any student who has completed their education in Finn Valley College (LCVP / LCA / PLC) in 2017 and who has been accepted to a course in higher education/intends to progress to a higher education course in 2018 is invited to apply for one of the bursaries using this application form.

All applications will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and all information will be restricted to the school authorities for the sole purpose of determining the eligibility of the applicant for receipt of a bursary.

The disbursement of the bursaries will be at the discretion of the school management. Based on the number and type of applications the management reserves the right to review the amount of the bursary as well as the eligibility and awarding criteria. The names of the recipients will not be publicised by the school. The school will accept only one application per student and individual students can only receive a maximum of one €1000 bursary.

Eligibility

1. The recipient must be either a member or be eligible to become a member of the B&S Credit Union, that is, their family residence must be within the catchment area served by B&S Credit Union.
2. The bursary will be made available to any student who has completed his/her education in Finn Valley College in June 2017 and who is progressing to higher education.

Awarding Criteria

A number of criteria will apply to ensure that the recipients of the bursaries will be those that will benefit most and make the best practical use of the money.

1. Consideration will be given to the financial circumstances of families of students who apply for the bursaries. Applicants will be required to provide details of family earnings along with the application.
2. Consideration will be given to the student's academic performance in the Leaving Certificate or Leaving Certificate Applied. Where a student has sat the Leaving Certificate on more than one occasion it will be the first sitting of the programme that will be reckoned for the purpose of the bursary.
3. Consideration will be given to what other supports are in place for applicants. Details of any grants (SUSI) or other bursaries applicants are in receipt of must be supplied along with the application.
4. Consideration will be given to the geographical location of the higher education establishment in which applicants have registered for a course.
5. Consideration will be given to the student's engagement with learning while at Finn Valley College as well as his / her contribution to all aspects of school life during the course of their educational career in Finn Valley College.
6. Consideration will be given to the student's attendance during their senior years in the school. Students with medically certified absences will not be disadvantaged in any way.
7. Consideration will be given to a personal statement to be provided in writing by the applicant as part of the application process.
8. Consideration will be given to the progression route taken by the student in accessing their HE route.

Application for Bursary

Section 1 - Personal Details

Name	Date of Birth
Address	Eircode
Telephone	Email
B&S Credit Union A/C no.	

Section 2 - Education Attainment

Please insert the subject, level and grade for our respective course (LCVP)

Year of Award _____

Course _____

Subject	Grade (Include level where appropriate)

If LCA student please state the overall percentage and award level obtained

Percentage:

Award Level: _____

Section 4 - Finance

1. Family earnings

Please indicate below the earnings for your family for the financial year which coincides with academic year in which you completed the Leaving Certificate (LCA /LCVP/PLC). Please note that a copy of the P21 will be required where an applicant is coming from a family with two parents / guardians working and a P60 will be required in a single parent /guardian family. A copy of Self Assessment letter if self employed or a copy of Social Protection payments if in receipt of a means tested social protection payment. A copy of the document supplied for SUSI Grant purposes will be sufficient where appropriate.

Earnings _____ € _____

I confirm that I have provided a copy of the relevant revenue document to verify my family's earnings.

Please state if you were exempted from the payment of Leaving Certificate fee

Family Details

Please list all family members including applicant and parent/guardians living in the family home

Please list any family members including parent/guardian over 16 years attending a higher educational institution and indicate if their course is full time or part time.

2. Grant Information

Please indicate below if you have applied for the SUSI Grant

Yes _____

No _____

Please indicate the value of the SUSI grant per annum if you are in receipt of same:

Fees	
Maintenance	

3. Other Access courses / supports

Please indicate below if you are benefitting from any other access courses or supports as you move to higher education. Please outline the nature of the support.

4. Other bursaries / scholarships

Please indicate below if you are in receipt of any scholarships or bursaries that will be used to support you financially at your college / institute / university.

Section 5 - Higher Education

1. College / IOT / University

Please indicate which higher education institution you will be attending for the forthcoming academic year

2. Course

Please indicate the title and CAO / UCAS code for the course you are registered for

Course Title _____

Course Code _____

3. Fees

Please indicate the level of fees payable per annum for the course to which you have been accepted:

Registration fees	
Annual Course fees	

4. Other costs

Please outline below if there are any other costs attached to the course which are in addition to course or registration fees and which are separate to maintenance costs:

5. Letter of registration

Please provide a letter from the relevant higher education authority confirming your registration in the college for the forthcoming financial year

Section 6 - Personal Statement

Please indicate in the space below why you feel you would be a suitable beneficiary for this bursary. You may refer to information previously supplied or may refer to future prospects.

We suggest that you include some of the the following in your statement:

1 The reasons why you wish to go to college. 2 Any obstacles that you have faced to date in your educational career and how you have overcome them. 3 Your personal strengths and experiences which you believe will help you enjoy and succeed at third level. 4 The support and assistance that you think you may need while studying at college. 5 Any further information which would support this application. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR STATEMENT IS NEAT AND LEGIBLE.

Section 7

Checklist

Tick ↓	
	I have provided a copy of the appropriate revenue letter for my family's earnings for the last full financial year
	I have supplied a copy of my Grant / Bursary / Scholarship entitlements
	I have supplied a copy of my registration on the course as specified in my application
	I have provided a personal statement outlining why I am a suitable candidate for a bursary

Declaration

I confirm that I have read and understood all parts of the application form including the eligibility criteria and the awarding criteria.

I consent to Finn Valley College obtaining attendance data from another school where necessary and appropriate.

I confirm that all details provided by me are correct and factual and are made in good faith. I understand that any false information provided may invalidate my application .

I understand that canvassing of help in completing of the above application from any staff member of Finn Valley College will invalidate my application. I also understand that any information that may come to light after the awarding of a bursary which would invalidate the application may lead to legal proceedings.

Signed _____ Date _____
Student

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent / Guardian

Please note that this application form must be fully completed and submitted to the principal by 4pm on Friday 6th October 2017 . Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

Please enclose the application and associated documents in an envelope addressed to the principal and marked private & confidential.