

Step One: Make an Application

You need to make an application. Please complete the correct form:

[General Sanctuary Scholarships](#) ↗

[Online Scholarships for Palestinians](#) ↗

Deadline for applications: Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 11:59pm.

For this online application, you will need:

Personal Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, email address and phone number
Programme Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of the programme you wish to apply for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanctuary Scholarships are available only for selected ACE programmes, list can be found listed on the main Sanctuary Scholarship page Online Scholarships for Palestinians are available only for selected ONLINE ACE programmes, list can be found listed on the main Sanctuary Scholarship page Confirm that you meet the requirements for your chosen programme - clearly outlined on each programme page Confirm that you meet the English language requirement (Those whose first language is not english will need to provide proof of english language proficiency during step 4 - programme application)
Eligibility Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of eligibility will be sought in step two, but you will not need copies of documents for the online application
Personal Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 300-word personal statement explaining your motivation for choosing this programme at UCC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend drafting your statement in a Word document or similar text editor before copying and pasting the final version into the form.
Referee Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will need at least one reference for the Sanctuary Scholarship. At this stage we will need the full name of at least one referee (3 max allowed), their email address and/or phone number, and the organisation they are affiliated with. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In step two you will need to provide copies of written references from each of the referees you name in this step.

Writing a Personal Statement

As part of your application, you are required to submit a personal statement (minimum 300 words).

This statement is an opportunity to explain why you are applying for a Sanctuary Scholarship, why you are interested in your chosen programme and how this opportunity would support your future goals and development.

What to Include

Your interest in the programme

- Why do you want to study this programme?

Your motivation for applying for the scholarship

- Why is this scholarship opportunity important to you?

Your experience and background

- Include any relevant previous education, work experience, volunteering, community involvement or personal experiences relevant to the programme

Your future goals

- How will this programme support your personal, academic, or career development and how do you hope to use your learning in the future?
- How would receiving the scholarship support your education or future plans?

Your commitment and readiness

- Why are you ready to undertake this programme now?
- What strengths or qualities will help you succeed?

Tips for Writing Your Statement

- Keep your writing clear and concise
- Stay focused and relevant, avoid unnecessary detail
- Use specific examples where possible
- Write in your own words, be authentic
- Check spelling and grammar before submitting

Step Two: Supporting Documentation

All applicants will receive an email from acesanctuaryscholars@ucc.ie on Friday, 12 June requesting supporting documentation. You may begin preparing these documents after submitting your application so that you are ready to upload them once you receive the email.

Deadline to submit documents: Friday, 26 June 2026

General Sanctuary Scholars, please prepare the following in advance of this step:	
<p>Proof of status as an international protection applicant, asylum seeker or a refugee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a copy of your Temporary Residence Certificate, Temporary Residence Card, Ministerial grant letter or other proof provided by the International Protection Office) <p>Any documentation submitted must be valid and in date at the time of application.</p>
<p>Proof of DSP payment (Example; Daily expenses allowance, working family payment, additional needs payment.)</p>	<p>You must provide one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement from MyWelfare or the Department of Social Protection showing your name, address, PPSN, and DSP payment type Letter from the Department of Social Protection on official headed paper confirming your eligible payment Your most recent payment slip showing your eligible DSP payment details. <p>All supporting documents must be dated within one month of your application date. Older documents will not be accepted.</p>
<p>References</p>	<p>You must submit at least one written and signed reference from a referee who can speak to your suitability for part-time study. This may include a community leader, volunteer coordinator, employer, educator, or another person familiar with your ability to study independently.</p> <p>Up to three references may be submitted. All references must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be signed by the referee Be on official headed paper where possible Include the referee's contact details Be dated May or June 2026 <p>References dated outside of May or June 2026 will not be accepted.</p>

- The ACE Sanctuary Scholarship team may request additional supporting documentation, where required, in addition to the documents listed above.
- Failure to submit your supporting documentation by this deadline will result in your application being withdrawn.

Applicants for Online Scholarships for Palestinians, please prepare the following in advance of this step:

<p>Proof of status as a Palestinian passport holder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a copy of your Palestinian passport
<p>Proof of status as an international protection applicant, asylum seeker or a refugee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are currently residing outside of Palestine, you may be asked to provide a copy of your Temporary Residence Certificate, Temporary Residence Card, Ministerial grant letter or other proof provided by the International Protection Office, or your country of residence. • Any documentation submitted must be valid and in date at the time of application.
<p>References</p>	<p>You must submit at least one written and signed reference from a referee who can speak to your suitability for part-time study. This may include a community leader, volunteer coordinator, employer, educator, or another person familiar with your ability to study independently.</p> <p>Up to two references may be submitted. All references must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be signed by the referee • Be on official headed paper where possible • Include the referee’s contact details • Be dated May or June 2026 <p>References dated outside of May or June 2026 will not be accepted.</p>

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Step Three: Application Review

All applications will be reviewed by the ACE Sanctuary team/ACE Management team

Applicants will be notified of the outcome: Friday, 24 July 2026

Step Four: Programme Application

- If you are awarded a Sanctuary Scholarship, you will receive a unique fee waiver code.
- You must then apply to your selected programme through UCC Apply.
- You must complete your programme application by its stated deadline, including all required documentation.

Please note: If you do not meet the entry requirements or fail to register by the programme deadline, your scholarship offer will be withdrawn. We strongly recommend reviewing the entry requirements and preparing your documents in advance so you can submit your programme application without delay.