

# 1916 BURSARY FUND

## South Cluster SOAR Project



2021/2022 Application Clinic

# What is the 1916 Bursary Fund?

- The 1916 Bursary Fund was established by the Department of Education and Skills to encourage participation and success by students who are most socio-economically disadvantaged and from groups most under-represented in higher education.
- With effect from the 2021/22, a three-tier system of bursary provision has been introduced:

| Tier | Value  | Duration   | No. of Bursaries |
|------|--------|--|------------------|
| 1    | €5,000 | per year for the normal duration of an undergraduate programme – or up to a maximum of six years for a part-time programme | 35               |
| 2    | €2,000 | per year for the normal duration of an undergraduate programme- or up to a maximum of six years for a part-time programme  | 29               |
| 3    | €1,500 | Once off payment in 2021/22 <u>only</u>  | TBC              |

- **Tier 1** and **2** bursaries will also be payable to students as they progress to postgraduate study

# What is the Criteria?

**Applicants must meet specific:**

- 1) Financial Criteria
- 2) Target Group Criteria
- 3) College Entry Criteria



# 1) Financial

## The applicant must:

Be from a socio-economically disadvantaged background and can provide evidence of such by demonstrating:

- Applicant is eligible for the Special Rate of SUSI grant for the academic year 2021/22

## and/or

- Is in receipt of a Department of Social Protection (DSP) means-tested social welfare payment

# What is the SUSI Special Rate?



## To qualify for the Special Rate of SUSI 2021:

Student must qualify for the ordinary rate of grant while;

- Total reckonable household income (2020) must not exceed €24,500;

**and**

- the 2020 reckonable household income must include an eligible long-term DSP payment

## 2) Target Group

### Target Group Criteria

**Applicants must be from at least one of the following target groups:**

- Socio-economically disadvantaged communities
- Socio-economic groups that have low participation rates in higher education
- Students with a disability
- Lone parents in receipt of a long term means-tested social welfare payment
- Irish Travellers
- First time, mature student entrants
- Students entering on the basis of a QQI Further Education award
- Persons from ethnic minorities who are lawfully present in the State

# 3) College Entry

## Applicants must

- Be a new entrant pursuing an undergraduate course and progressing to higher education for the first time in the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Have been a resident in the Irish State for three of the past five years.
- Be studying an approved full-time or part-time undergraduate course - leading to a major higher education and training award at Level 6 (Higher Certificate), Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree), Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degree) on the national framework of qualifications or equivalent awards that take no less than two years to complete.



# Apply Online.

Applications open in early September 2021 on:  
<https://www.soarforaccess.ie/1916-bursary-fund/>





# Supporting Documents

Applicants are required to provide appropriate supporting documentation to complete their application:

Financial

Target Group

Additional  
Circumstances  
(if applicable)

Personal  
Statement

- Supporting documentation can only be submitted by the upload facility on the online application .
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to upload all required supporting documentation.
- Upload clear, legible, complete copies of the original document including all pages front and back.
- Scan all documents in a PDF format. To merge PDFs, use an PDF / Adobe Acrobat or other software.
- Only supporting documentation uploaded to the online application will be considered.

# Supporting Documents -

Financial

| Applicant                  | Supporting Documentation                                       |
|----------------------------|--|
| SUSI awardee or applicants | Consent to verify and submit SUSI W reference number           |
| All other Applicants       | Relevant documentary evidence of all household income for 2020 |

| Income  | Document  |
|---|---|
| Department of Social Protection (DSP) payments          | Full DSP statement of payments breakdown dated 1 January to 31 December 2020  |
| Income from Employment (PAYE)                           | Statement of Liability (formally called End of year statement - P21) for 2020   |
| Self-Employed   | Notice of Assessment / Self-Assessment Letter–Chapter 4 or 5 for 2020   |
| Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) Payment | Letter from Educational Training Board (ETB) or Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) College confirming the total amount earned in 2020 |

For further information see: [Supporting Documentation List Guide](#) and the Supporting Documentation Presentation

# Target Group: Student with a Disability

Target  
Group

## Supporting Documentation

- If you were deemed eligible for the **2021** Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) scheme your disability information will be verified directly with your institution, with your consent; then you are not required to submit supporting documentation regarding your disability. If you have ‘carried forward’ your DARE eligibility upload a copy of your DARE eligibility ‘carry forward’ email/letter.
- If you did not enter college through DARE, but are registered with the Disability Support Service, we can verify this directly with your institution, with your consent; then you are not required to submit supporting documentation regarding your disability.
- If your disability cannot be verified by your institution you are required to provide appropriate documentary evidence from a relevant medical professional as per the DARE or Fund for Disabilities guidelines – [see further information on the Supporting Documentation Guide](#).

# Target Group: Lone Parent

Target  
Group

## Supporting Documentation

- Evidence of being in receipt of a long-term DSP One-Parent Family Payment in 2020

Or

- Evidence of being in receipt of a long-term DSP One Parent Transitional Payment in 2020

Or

- Letter from DSP stating that the applicant is currently or was formally on a One-Parent Family payment and met the criteria of a lone parent.

You can request a DSP statement on your [MyWelfare account](#), or from your local community welfare office/ Intreo office

# Target Group: **Ethnic Minority**

Target  
Group

## Supporting Documentation

An Ethnic Minority as determined by the Higher Education Authority for the purpose of this fund is defined within the 1916 PATH 2 2021-22 Guidelines.

- Official letter from the Department of Justice and Equality confirming the specific 'right and permission to remain' or naturalisation of applicant and/or parent/dependant.
- Photocopy of passport(s);  
This is to include the applicant's passport and if necessary, a copy of the applicant's parents/ guardian's country of origin passport and Irish/EU/EEA or Swiss confederation passport if possible.
- Copy of the applicant's Irish Residence Permit (IRP) that details your Visa stamp details. For more info please see: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/inis/Pages/irish-residence-permit>

# Other Target Groups

Target  
Group

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Applicant</b>  |  |
| <b>Irish Traveller</b>  | If you self declare that you are a member of the Traveller Community, you are not required to provide supporting documentation as part of the online application; however you may be asked to provide further information later.   |
| <b>First Time Mature Student applicants</b>                   | You are <b><u>not</u></b> required to provide supporting documentation that you are a First Time Mature Student, this will be verified by your higher education institution and / or SUSI.   |
| <b>QQI Entry applicants</b>                                   | You are <b><u>not</u></b> required to provide supporting documentation that you are QQI entrant, this will be verified by your higher education institution.   |
| <b>Living in a socio-economically disadvantaged community</b> | You are <b><u>not</u></b> required to provide supporting documentation that you are living in a disadvantaged area as part of the online application. This will be verified by an external geo-coding company using your eircode and address provided in the online application. |



# Additional Circumstances considered

| Applicant  | Supporting Documentation   |
|--|--|
| <p>Attended DEIS second level school(s) for 5 years</p>                    | <p>Letter from second level school(s) confirming the dates and timeline that the applicant attended the DEIS school.</p>   |
| <p>Is or was in the care of the State / TUSLA</p>                          | <p>Letter from TUSLA or official associated agency confirming the dates the applicant was in the care of State.</p>  |
| <p>Applicant was living in or is transitioning out of Direct Provision</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Department of Justice confirming that the applicant previously lived or is transitioning out of Direct Provision.</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A registered Direct Provision Centre confirming that the applicant previously lived or is transitioning out of Direct Provision.</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full DSP statement for 2020 showing applicant was in receipt of the Daily Expenses Allowance.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Applicant is or was previously living in Supported Accommodation</p>    | <p>Letter from the Health Service Executive (HSE), TUSLA or registered Charity/Agency confirming the applicant resides in Supported Accommodation.</p>   |
| <p>Applicant who is/was previously Homeless</p>                            | <p>Letter from the Health Service Executive (HSE), TUSLA or registered Charity/Agency confirming the applicant is or was previously homeless</p>   |



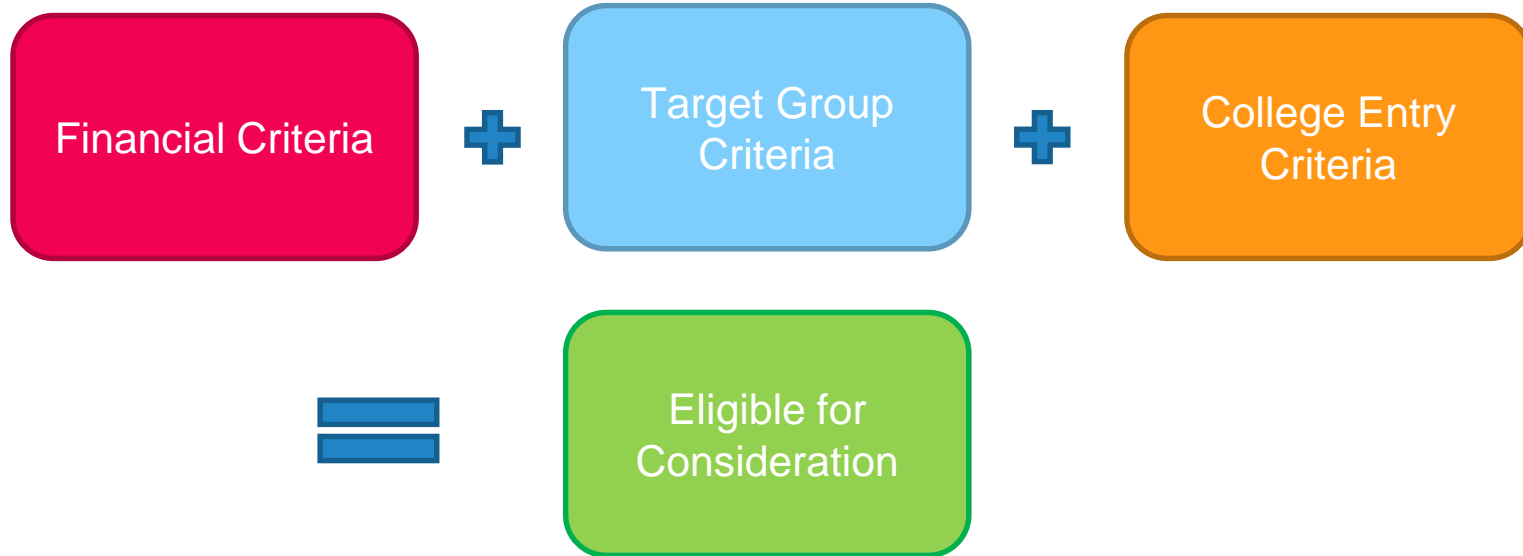
# Supporting Documentation

Personal  
Statement

Applicants are **strongly advised** to submit a personal statement to support their application addressing the following questions:

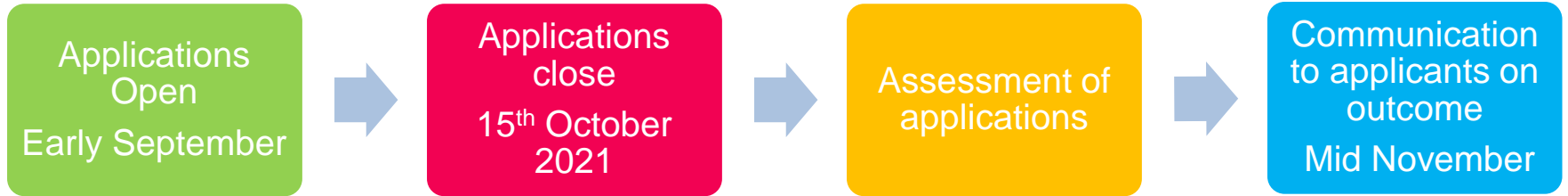
- Why you are applying for the 1916 Bursary Fund? (Refer to your individual circumstances and your decision to pursue higher education)
- Challenges you have experienced/will experience in accessing and participating in education? (e.g personal, family, community, social, cultural, financial, disability etc)  
Refer to the target group(s) you are applying under.
- What difference do you think the 1916 Bursary Fund would make to your higher education? Refer to your financial circumstances and overall college experience.

# Eligibility Criteria



Bursaries will be awarded to the eligible students that demonstrate the greatest need.

# Timeline



# Remember!

- ✓ Applications can only be made online.
- ✓ Complete the online application accurately.
- ✓ Only information and supporting documentation provided on the online application will be used to consider your application.
- ✓ Submit clear, complete, required supporting documentation.
- ✓ Ensure all documents are scanned in a PDF format before uploading.

For further information see:

[www.soarforaccess.ie/1916-bursary-fund/](http://www.soarforaccess.ie/1916-bursary-fund/)

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