



Third Level Sport Scholarships

MCS Senior Guidance

2022-23



Introduction:

The list of scholarships and other awards offered by colleges and universities in Ireland is extensive with more than 300 available with a wide variety of criteria for eligibility.

They range from **entrance scholarships for exceptional academic results, to supports for sports excellence, or particular subject areas such as music, the arts and many more.**

It is well worth taking the time to investigate the options.

Visit www.careernews.ie or the colleges of interest to you to find out more.

Note: Further references on the last slide of presentation

Points Concession / Reduced Points Requirements

- The college adds additional points to your initial CAO points score, based on how you did in the Leaving Cert, to enable you to access a college course.
- Ex: University of Galway offers a limited number of scholarships to athletes who apply for courses that need more than 350 points.
- 40 points are added for successful applicants, who may also be able to access the additional benefits of their Sports Scholarships.
- The college provides points/incentives to encourage students who may not otherwise attend university.

Sports Scholarships at DCU

- **Performance Sport Scholarships** - supports athletes who have the talent and dedication to combine an academic course with excellence in sport.

<https://www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing/sport-scholarships-sports-development-service>

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DVZ7V49CYLZlJz3ssY8ewKmJORZ4_Is9jzg78vYPfaM/viewform?edit_requested=true

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Sports Scholarships & Bursaries at Mary I

- MIC has a long sporting tradition and is delighted to offer a number of sporting scholarships, bursaries and awards in recognition of the sporting excellence amongst our students.
- These schemes further develop the relationship between academic excellence, sports and well-being by providing additional supports to students whilst they pursue both their academic and sporting career.

Range of schemes include:

- MIC Elite Sports Scholarships
- MIC CAO Points Concession Scheme
- MIC Gaelic Players Association (GPA) Scholarships
- MIC GAA Bursaries
- Rachel Kenneally Memorial Award

Please see for more details:

<https://www.mic.ul.ie/study-at-mic/scholarships/sports-scholarships?index=0>



University of Galway Elite Athlete Scholarship

- This scheme has been running for several years and has been one of the most successful schemes in the country in supporting young, talented athletes reaching the top of their sport and achieving academic excellence.
- **Among current and past scholars are Olympic medallists, National Champions and Internationals in Rugby, Rowing, Boxing, Swimming, Basketball, Athletics, Windsurfing, Climbing and Sailing amongst others. Our GAA teams can boast of All Ireland Champions in Football, Ladies Football, Camogie and Hurling at senior, u21 and minor levels.**
- The Scholarship program has been strategically developed not just to reward their ability and previous performances but to assist these young athletes develop their sporting ability hand in hand with their academic progress by putting in place the necessary supports.



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Sports Scholarships at the University of Galway

The following criteria applies:

- You are a new entrant in 2023
- You are a current University of Galway student.
- You are a student transferring to the University of Galway.
- You are hoping to do a postgraduate (master only) course at the University of Galway.



Sports Scholarships at the University of Galway



Please note the following:

- **Opening date: 16 January, 2023**
- Only online applications will be accepted.
- If you successfully submit an application you will receive an automatic reply.
- Under NO circumstances will late applications be accepted.
- **Closing date: 14 April, 2023**
- Interview dates TBC

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/sports/elitesport/elitesportscholarshipdetails/>

The Benefits of being a Scholarship holder include: (University of Galway)

1. A subsistence grant
 2. Coaching support
 3. Medical and Physiotherapy support
 4. Performance Nutrition
- Performance Psychology
 - Strength and Conditioning
 - Performance planning and mentoring.
 - Career Development Support

The Sports Unit Team in the University of Galway are there to help each scholar achieve their potential both on and off the field.



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- As well as the Elite Sports Scholarships have a closing date of 31st July annually.
- <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/sports/elitesport/caoperformancepointsscholarshipdetails/>

Maynooth University Sport Scholarships

- <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/scholarships/sport-scholarships>
- The application for a Sports Scholarship at Maynooth University closes on April 1st 2023. You will need your CAO number (i.e. 23*****) to complete your Sport Scholarship application.

Incoming First Year Applicants

Scholarship applications open for incoming first year CAO applicants in December yearly. **Closing date for incoming CAO applicants is April 1st yearly.** The minimum requirement to apply is to represent your county at U17 grade upwards. The link to the online application form can be accessed from November.

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Maynooth University- Sport Scholarships

- **GAA Sports** awards scholarships to talented individuals in **Gaelic games**. The scholarships are sponsored by MBNA/Bank of America and the Leinster GAA council. Applicants are required to demonstrate a high level of performance in one of the following sports: hurling, Gaelic football, camogie, or ladies' football.
- **Rugby scholarships** are awarded to players of outstanding ability. The scholarships work as a contract signing the successful scholars to Barnhall RFC firsts as well as a commitment to NUI Maynooth for games and training.
- **Soccer Scholarships** - are intended for student athletes with proven or perceived potential to perform at a high level. Application is open to all regardless of which school or club you are currently play for.

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/scholarships/sport-scholarships>

Maynooth University Sports Scholarships contd.

- **Golf scholarships** offer a structured golf programme. Applicants should hold a handicap of scratch or better for men and 2 or better for women, and should apply to NUI Maynooth through the CAO.
- NUI Maynooth offers the only **snooker scholarship** in the world. Co-funded by NUI Maynooth Snooker Club and Republic of Ireland Billiards and Snooker Association (RIBSA), it provides successful candidates with professional coaching and a bursary.



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Trinity College Dublin - TCD



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Sporting scholarships - A limited number of Sporting Scholarships are offered to full time students who are accepted into Trinity College. Applicants should have outstanding ability in a particular sport, and desire to represent the University in their sport.

There are no points concessions made.



Trinity College Sport Scholarships

Sports Scholarships

- Trinity Sport offer between 30-40 **high-performance scholarships** each year as well as a number of specific rugby scholarships. There are different tiers of scholarships, ranging in value, worth up to €3,500.

Eligibility:

- Sport scholars should be competing at the highest national level possible in their chosen sport and have been offered a place in the University.
- See www.tcd.ie/sport/scholarships for further details please contact performancesport@tcd.ie

UCC- Quercus Sport Scholarships

- **Quercus Sports Scholars** - The programme facilitates 5 elite athletes as well as the academic scholars across the categories. Awards range in value from €500 to €2,000.

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/quercus/>



Please note that applications are open and will close on February 2nd 2023



University College Dublin - UCD

- **UCD Sports Scholarships** are awarded to applicants of outstanding sporting ability.
- The aim of the UCD Sports Scholarship programme is to give talented young people the opportunity of developing their sporting career by offering the highest standards in coaching, training, nutrition, strength and conditioning advice, while also completing their chosen course of study.
- The value of each scholarship is assessed on an individual basis and may be used to off-set costs such as accommodation, books, fees and travel to competitions etc.



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Sport Scholarships at UL

- **Paddy Dooley Rowing Club Scholarships** – awarded to rowers of exceptional ability - €2,500 annually - open to undergraduate students from all years. **Applications** close 1st November each year.
- ***Munster GAA Scholarships*** – Munster Council of GAA and the University of Limerick award 13 new bursaries each year valued at €750, to students from Munster, registered for bachelor degrees at UL.
- **The Bank of Ireland GAA High Performance Scholarship** - The scholarship scheme is open to all current UL Students or those applying to come to UL for the first time either through the CAO or transferring at undergraduate or postgraduate level. *Awardees receive financial assistance in the form of a scholarship payment.*
- **The Michael Hillery and Jacinta O'Brien Athletics Scholarship** - This Athletics scholarship, honouring the memory of Michael Hillery and Jacinta O'Brien, deceased members of the UL community is estimated as equivalent in value of €7,000. Range of benefits included.

Scholarships at the Technological Universities



TUS-Athlone Campus

- TUS operates a Sports Scholarship Scheme for students who have reached, or have the potential to reach, a very high standard of performance in their chosen sport.

See: <https://www.ait.ie/future-students/scholarships-and-funding>

TUS Limerick Scholarships



Sport Scholarships:

Our commitment to sport is underlined by our Sports Scholarship programme which allows students who are at the forefront of their chosen sport to apply for a range of supports.

We are proud to invest in our students to support and encourage them in reaching their sporting potential and each year, we recognise the achievements and excellence of our students in their respective fields.

TUS Limerick Scholarships

(All applicants must be registered with a National Governing Body recognised by Sport Ireland)

There are three types of TUS Sports Scholarships:

1. TUS Gold Sports Scholarship

- Gold Sports Scholarships cater for students competing at the very highest level of their chosen sport;
- *Basketball - Super League*
- *GAA - Senior Intercounty Gaelic Games*
 - *Liam McCarthy Hurling*
 - *Sam Maguire Football*
 - *O'Duffy Cup Camogie*
 - *Brendan Martin Cup Ladies Football*
- *Rugby - Provincial Academy/Sub-Academy, Current Underage IRFU International*
- *Soccer - FAI League of Ireland (Premier/Division 1), Current Underage FAI International*
- *Other Sports - Current International Athlete*



TUS Limerick Scholarships

Silver Sport Scholarships



Silver Sports Scholarships cater for developing athletes, who are aiming to reach the highest level in their chosen sport.

- ***Basketball - National League Division 1***
- ***GAA - Minor/U20/Lower Tier Adult Gaelic Games***
 - *Joe McDonagh, Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard or Lory Meaghar Hurling*
 - *Tailteann Cup Football*
 - *Jack McGrath or Kay Mills Camogie*
 - *Mary Quinn Memorial or Junior Championship Ladies Football*
- ***Rugby - AIL, Former Provincial Development Squad or Underage IRFU International ~ within previous 2 years***
- ***Soccer - U19 FAI League of Ireland (Premier/Division 1), Former Underage FAI International ~ within 2 previous years***
- ***Other Sports - Former International Athlete (within previous 2 years), Provincial Development Squad, National Level Athlete***

TUS Limerick Sport Scholarships

TUS Bronze Sports Scholarships:

- Bronze Sports Scholarships are designed to support athletes who compete at club/non-elite level, and also contribute towards their respective sport(s) in other capacities e.g. administration, coaching, fundraising, promotion, etc.
- Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis.

Please Note that: scholarship Applications for 23/24 academic year are now open

TUS Limerick Sport Scholarships

Successful applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a prospective or current TUS student.
- Prospective students must meet their course entry requirements through the CAO system and accept, enrol and register in a full-time course in TUS in 2023/2024.
- Current students must have successfully passed their examinations, show satisfactory academic progression and have excelled in their chosen sport.
- Compete at the highest level in your chosen sport while in TUS.
- Show satisfactory attendance at matches, training and classes while playing with TUS.
- Help with coaching, administration, promotion and development of your sports club in TUS.
- Successful applicants may be called for interview. The final decision on each application lies with the TUS Sports Council. TUS has the right to terminate your scholarship if criteria are not adhered.

Sports Scholarships at MTU

- **MTU Cork Campus Sport Scholarships** are awarded to full-time registered students who display a high level of achievement, commitment and dedication to their chosen sport. These are awarded across a wide range of sports and a significant number of these are reserved for first year students.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

- <http://www.mycit.ie/sport/bursaryprogramme>



MTU Kerry Campus Sport Scholarships

Scholarship Details:

- **Past recipients were involved in** Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Camogie, Football, Handball, Hockey, Hurling, Judo, Ladies Soccer, Rowing, Rugby, Soccer and Tae Kwon-Do
- **Value:** Up to a maximum of €1,000 per year, subject to satisfactory academic performance each year
- **Duration:** For the full course i.e. of 2, 3 or 4 years duration, subject to annual review
- We also **offer an Elite Performance Scholarship** in recognition of the exceptional commitment and achievement exhibited by some of our students in the pursuit of their sporting and academic goals.

<https://www.ittralee.ie/en/InformationAbout/Scholarships/SportsScholarships>



SETU Scholarships- Waterford Campus

WIT Sport Scholarships

- Number of Places: 50
- Monetary Value: Varies
- Contact Person: Jack Lyons / Sean Geoghegan

Contact/email:

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References for Third Level Scholarships

1. www.careernews.ie
2. <https://careersportal.ie/scholarships>
3. <https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/other-finance-bursaries-scholarships/>
4. <https://www.iua.ie/for-students/international-students/scholarships/>

And college websites of particular interest to you

