



BAM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND FOR THE NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

community benefit education bursaries for the new children's hospital

Information Note & Application Form
Higher & Further Education Bursaries
2020/2021

For students from Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 entering **construction or professional healthcare qualification courses** at undergraduate or post leaving certificate levels.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO:
BAM Community Benefit Fund Committee
c/o National Paediatric Hospital Development Board
Block A, Herberton, St James's Walk,
Rialto, Dublin 8
OR EMAILED TO Bursary@nph.ie

By 5.30 pm Tuesday 31st March 2020
CLOSING DATE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO



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Information Note for Higher & Further Education Applicants

The Community Benefit Programme was established in 2015 by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and Children's Health Ireland in partnership with key statutory and community stakeholders in order that neighbouring communities benefit from the construction and operation of the new children's hospital through maximising employment and training opportunities, raising educational aspirations, supporting local business and building community health and wellbeing.¹

BAM is the largest multinational construction business operating in Ireland, responsible for the delivery of many of Ireland's flagship infrastructural and building projects, and is delighted to have been awarded the contract to build the new children's hospital. Corporate social responsibility is at the heart of BAM's business strategy with a core aim being to support the communities where BAM are operating. Along with the Community Benefit Programme for the new children's hospital, BAM are keen to ensure the future skills required both to build and to work in the children's hospital are encouraged and hence are providing funds for the establishment of these educational bursaries.

In line with government policy, including the National Plan for Equity of Access to Higher Education, we believe it is particularly important to create opportunities for those who encounter difficulties in accessing and continuing on to further education including the Government's named target groups for increased participation i.e. entrants from socio-economic groups that have low participation in higher education, first time, mature student entrants, students with disabilities, part-time flexible learners, progress to higher education by holders of further education qualifications and Irish Travellers. Additional indicators of

¹ For further information please see <https://www.newchildrenshospital.ie/community-benefit/>

barriers to access are students who have attended DEIS schools and students qualifying for the special rate of SUSI grant. Finally, residence by post code address provides a further indicator of higher education access with the the postcodes of which Dublin 8 and 12 (the catchment area for the community benefit programme for the new children's hospital) showing low access rates of 28% and 37% respectively.

The Community Benefit Education Bursaries for the new children's hospital are specifically aimed at promoting studies in **construction** (e.g. engineering, construction studies, BIM technicians etc.) and professional qualifications in **healthcare** (e.g. nursing, medicine, allied health practitioners, health care assistants etc.) and particularly seek to support students who may face challenges in accessing and continuing in further education.

Bursaries are open for post leaving certificate courses and for undergraduate degree studies. Prospective applicants must be **resident in Dublin 8 or 12** for the preceding two years - the catchment area of the Community Benefit Programme for the new children's hospital. Notionally the expectation is that is that each year 3-4 undergraduates will be supported and up to 4 candidates at post leaving certificate level. The undergraduate commitment will be the full duration of the degree course usually 4 years and post leaving certificate support will normally be for 1 or 2 years dependent on the duration of the course. BAM bursaries are based on equal support for up to €2,000 for each successful applicant whether at undergraduate or post leaving certificate.

Award winning candidates will be also provided with individual support from a nominated professional panel of **volunteer mentors** drawn from the staff of BAM, the National Paediatric Hospital Development and Children's Health Ireland who are willing to share their knowledge and experience to support learning and personal development.

The Bursary Fund is managed by a committee comprising BAM, Children's Health Ireland, the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and the Independent Chairperson of the Community Benefit Oversight Group. An independent selection panel with relevant expertise will be established to shortlist candidates. Selection will be based on the application form below, references and for shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview.

Bursary Eligibility

To be considered for a bursary, applicants must:

- Be resident in Dublin 8 or 12 for the previous 2 years

And prior to receipt of funds

- Provide evidence of an unconditional offer of college/training place and acceptance of same

Bursary Application Criteria

When completing the application form, applicants must:

- Provide evidence of the necessary academic aptitude to pursue and complete studies
- Demonstrate the potential impact of obtaining a bursary on their studies in terms of the difference it will make
- Describe their career aspirations

Bursary Selection Criteria

The selection panel will evaluate applications on the basis of:

- the significance of the bursary to the applicant in taking up their chosen course
- the candidate's motivation, commitment and disposition to benefit from continuing their education and completing the course successfully
- the interest, ability and potential of the candidate to succeed in their chosen career



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Application Form

All information requested on the application form must be provided

Section 1: Personal Details

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number Home _____

Mobile _____

Email: _____

Current or last school/college attended: _____

College(s) and Programme(s) of study you are hoping to enrol in:

Level and Duration of Programme:

Section 2: Personal Statements – Part 1

In no more than 150 words, please provide a summary of your achievements to date:

Section 2: Personal Statements – Part 2

In no more than 150 words below please describe the impact of receiving the bursary would have on your studies and professional career if you are successful in this application

Section 2: Personal Statements – Part 3

In no more than 150 words, please describe your career aspirations and how your studies will help you to achieve them:

Section 3: Supporting Information

The following supporting information **must** be attached and returned with the application form:

1. Please provide proof of home address e.g. a recent utility bill, bank statement or correspondence from the Revenue Commissioners
2. Please provide two references specifically for this bursary. The references should be written by someone who knows you well in either an academic or professional capacity and the relationship explained. The referee should provide their views on academic abilities, experience and personal qualities that make the applicant suitable for the bursary. References must be willing to be contacted and should provide both address, email and mobile phone number
3. Please tick here if you will be eligible for a full SUSI grant
4. Please tick here if you will be eligible for a partial SUSI grant
5. Are you in receipt or have you applied for any bursary or scholarship? Yes/No
If yes, please detail: _____

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Eligibility

Bursaries will only be for relevant studies in **construction** (e.g. engineering, construction studies, BIM technicians) and professional qualifications in **healthcare** (e.g. nursing, medicine, allied health practitioners, health care assistants etc) for undergraduate and post leaving certificate level studies.

All applicants must be resident in Dublin 8 or 12 for the previous two years and intend to take up a place in the next academic year at any publicly funded university or third level institute or college of further education.

The maximum payable for each year is €2,000. Support will normally be for 3-4 years in the case of undergraduate studies, 1-2 years in the case of post-leaving certificate. Applications are invited from prospective students who meet the eligibility criteria. Each candidate must submit a completed application providing their personal details, educational history, preferred third level course choices and a personal statement.

The closing date for receipt of applications by Tuesday 31st March 2020. Applications must be received by 5.30pm on the closing date by email. Late applications will not be accepted. Please print a copy of your Application form before you submit it as it will not be possible to provide a copy of same

All eligible applicants must submit (a) their academic results and proof of income/receipt of SUSI grant if appropriate and (b) details of education offers received as soon as received in August. N.B. Please note it is your responsibility to provide your academic results and college offer to us in a timely fashion.

Selection Criteria

A Selection Panel will be established to assess all applications. Significant importance and preference will be given to the personal statement and references. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. The interviews will principally focus on the candidate's application and the degree to which he/she meets the selection criteria. The Selection Panel will also review and evaluate the merits and eligibility of candidates using several other criteria, including:

- (a) the existence and severity of any disadvantages or barriers which may prevent or impede the candidate from their chosen field
- (b) the interest, ability and potential of the candidate to study their chosen field and
- (c) the candidate's motivation, commitment and disposition to benefit from third-level education and to complete the course of study successfully.

The interviews will be conducted after completion of the Leaving Certificate. Candidates to be called for interview will be given at least one week's notice of the date, time and location of the interview. There may also be phone or skype interviews.

Award of Bursary

Shortlisted candidates must provide (a) verification of academic results and proof of income as appropriate; (b) any necessary verification of information provided in the Application Form, including contact with any referees; (c) an offer of a place and confirmation of registration on

the relevant third level course. The latter consideration may result in an offer of a bursary being made on a conditional basis initially. Any undergraduate bursary awarded will continue, at the same amount as awarded for the first year, for each of the succeeding two or three years of attendance, as applicable, subject to certification by the relevant third level institute of the candidate's satisfactory performance, including examinations, for each academic year. No bursary amount will be paid for any academic year that is repeated except in exceptional circumstances. The exact conditions governing the bursary will be outlined in detail to the successful candidates at the time the offer is made. A ceremony will be organised to publicly announce the winners of these bursary awards in the early autumn. Bursary holders will be expected to attend and parents and school representatives as well as members of the media and others will be invited to this ceremony.

Data Protection

Please note that any information and personal data supplied in an application to us will be held and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Acts, 1988 and 2003. Personal data submitted in any application will be shared with the Selection Panel. Personal data is only used for the purposes of assessing an applicant's suitability for being awarded a Bursary and in the decision making process of selecting Bursary winners.

Details of Bursary winners will be made available to their schools and to local and national press and posted on our website. All data is held on securely encrypted servers. Please be aware that we may share data with third party agents who are directly involved in the selection and/or financial allocation process. If you would like to amend any details submitted to please also send us an email. If you would like to withdraw your application or have your data erased at any time, please also send us an email. All requests for access to or deletion of data should be sent to National Paediatric Hospital Development Board. All applicants must consent to the processing of their data for the purposes of assessing their suitability for a Bursary by indicating their consent on the Application Form. Data will be kept for 3 years after last payment made for successful applicants and 1 year for unsuccessful candidates.

General terms and conditions

The Selection Panel may, at any stage, seek additional information from individual candidates or referees. A student who is eligible for or who is in receipt of another major bursary or scholarship may be deemed by the Selection Panel to be ineligible to receive the award of a bursary.

The Community Benefit Fund Committee reserve all rights to modify at any time and/or to terminate this bursary scheme and/or to make whatever decisions in regard to the operation of this bursary scheme that may be required and their determination(s) on all these matters shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal.

Section 4: Declaration

I certify that all information is true and correct and that I have completed all sections myself.

I understand that any part of the information I have provided prove to be incorrect or untrue or if I discontinue my studies the Community Benefit Fund Committee reserve the right to revoke partially or in full the award amount within 30 days written notice.

I have completed all sections of the application form

I have attached supporting references/documentation (originals cannot be returned)

I have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined above

Signature _____ Date: _____