We’re here to help you... with your student grant application.
About SUSI grants

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) is Ireland’s single national awarding authority for all higher and further education grants.

SUSI offers support to all types of students, from school leavers to mature students returning to education.

We award grants for the following:

Further Education - (PLC Courses)
Maintenance Grant

Higher Education - (Undergraduate courses)
Fees (field trip element and tuition),
Student Contribution
Maintenance Grant

Students Studying outside the State (Undergraduate)
Maintenance Grant

Postgraduate Education (In Ireland only)
Contribution towards Fees
(Special Rate) Maintenance Grant.
Am I eligible for a grant?

To be eligible for a grant, students must meet all of the following criteria:

Nationality and Residency:
· You must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss National or have specific leave to remain in the State as granted by the DJE (Department of Justice and Equality)
· You must also be ordinarily resident in Ireland, the EU, EEA or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years

Course:
· You must be progressing in your education (increasing your NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications) level
· You must be attending an approved course in an approved institution

Income:
· Your reckonable income (calculated for grant purposes) must fall under specific thresholds
· This income will be a factor in determining what type of funding you could receive
· Applications are assessed with regard to gross household income from the previous year

You can also use the Eligibility Reckoner on SUSI.ie to give you an idea of your eligibility to receive a grant.
Before you apply

Before applying for a grant it’s important to know what class of applicant you are as this determines whose income we take into account when assessing your application.

You can be one of two categories;

1. **Dependent** (Income of applicant plus Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s) taken into account). Within that you can be:

   - **Dependent**
     - Under 23 on 1 January of the year of your first point of entry into further or higher education

   - **Mature Dependent**
     - Over 23 on 1 January of the year of your first point of entry into further or higher education and residing with your parents.

2. **Independent** (Income of applicant plus Spouse, Civil Partner or Co-Habitant taken into account)
   - 23 years of age or over on Jan 1st of the year when you first enter/re-enter further or higher education.
   - You must have been living independently from your parents/legal guardians from the October in the year prior to your first point of entry/re-entry into further or higher education and will be required to provide evidence of this.
How do I apply?

All applications for Student Grant funding are made online at www.susi.ie

**Step 1**

Make your application

Please ensure that you provide complete and accurate information (dates of birth and PPS numbers in particular). You need to apply to SUSI each year to renew your application.

**Step 2**

Supply supporting documents

Based on information provided when applying you will receive either an award or refusal letter or a letter requesting supporting documentation to allow us further process your application.

**Step 3**

Receive Decision

You will be advised of your grant decision by post. Your application will be:

A) Awarded or B) Refused

**Step 4**

If awarded in order to receive payment you need to have:

- Received a grant award or grant renewal award letter from SUSI;
- Registered with your college for the new academic year;
- Been confirmed by your college to SUSI as registered/attending for the new academic year; and
- Submitted your bank details through your SUSI online account.