

Maintenance Grant.....

What is SUSI?

SUSI is the national awarding authority responsible for Student Grants.

SUSI assess Grant applications from prospective students hoping to attend approved further or higher education courses. Applications are made **online** and are subject to supporting documentation.

The online application system for the 2014/15 academic year will open on **Thursday 8th May 2014** and close on **August 1st**.

Who may be eligible for a Grant?

Students attending:

☑ **Approved** Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses in Ireland;

☑ **Approved** Undergraduate courses in Ireland, the EU, EEA or Switzerland

What does a Grant cover?

Maintenance Grant

A Maintenance Grant is a contribution towards the living costs of a student. Maintenance Grants are paid over nine monthly instalments during the academic year.

Key Eligibility Criteria

Residency

Applicants must be resident in Ireland or the EU, EEA or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years.

Nationality

Applicants must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss National or have specific leave to remain in the State.

Income

Household income is assessed for the **2013 Tax Year** and must fall between one of the specified thresholds in order to qualify for Grant funding.

The thresholds may be adjusted depending on the number of **dependents** in the household and how many of those dependents are attending further or higher education courses.

Examples of income taken into account include:

- Income from employment/self employment;
- Social Welfare income;
- HSE/FAS/local authority income;
- Rental income;
- Private pensions;
- Lump sum/redundancy payments;
- Income from gifts or inheritances; and
- Income from interest on savings.

Maintenance Grant Values

The different rates of Maintenance Grants, depending on household income, can be seen below.

Adjacent Rate

Where travelling from within 45kms of college:

100% €1,215

75% €910

50% €605

25% €305

Non-Adjacent Rate

Where travelling from over 45kms to college:

100% €3,025

75% €2,270

50% €1,515

25% €755

Special Rate of Maintenance Grant

Payable to an applicant, whose household income is below €22,703, and contains an eligible Social Welfare payment on 31 December, 2013.

Non Adjacent Rate: **€5,915**

Adjacent Rate: **€2,375**

How to Register

To apply for a Student Grant, you will need to register an account and apply online via www.susi.ie.

To register an account you will need to create a 'username' and 'password'. You will need the following information to do this:

- A valid email address;
- Your PPS number; and
- A valid phone number.



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