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Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Leitir Ceanainn
Letterkenny Institute of Technology

Pilot New Entrant Sports Scholarship Scheme 2016/17

Guidelines for Applicants

Students applying for the pilot 'New Entrant Sports Scholarship' at Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) should consider the following criteria before applying:

Principle

LYIT has established a New Entrant Sports Scholarship Scheme to support and facilitate students wishing to commence a full-time undergraduate/postgraduate programme in the academic year 2016/2017. These scholarships are targeting students who are competing at a high level across the following disciplines of sport: Gaelic Football (men/ladies), Hurling and Soccer. The applicant must currently be a member of a GAA Intercounty (minor or senior) or League of Ireland team.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the award of a scholarship, applicants must:

- Meet the criteria, ie, when the Institute considers the student to have reached a high level of performance in their chosen sport.
- Have applied and be accepted onto a full-time undergraduate/postgraduate programme within LYIT for the academic year 2016/17.
- New entrant is a person who is entering on a new programme at LYIT for the first time in 2015/2016. This includes:
 - A person who is entering 1st year of a full-time undergraduate programme
 - Advanced entry of a subsequent year of a course
 - A full-time postgraduate programme.
- Applicants for other sports are welcome to apply under LYIT's sports scholarship scheme (see www.lyit.ie/studentlife/sports).

Basis of Award

The scholarship will be awarded to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria set out above and if necessary successfully complete an interview which may be held in July when the second level examinations are over.

Value and Nature of Award

Successful applicants will be offered a scholarship to a minimum value of €1,000 and a maximum value of €1,400 for one year. The subsequent year, successful candidates may be eligible to apply for a second scholarship under LYIT's Sports Scholarship Scheme. It is important to note that scholarships are awarded for a maximum of 2 years.

Additional benefits of being a scholarship holder include:

- Free membership to gym
- Free GP and chartered physiotherapy upon referral

- Training/Sports Gear
- Coaching Support
- Maths and Communication Learning Support Services, if required.

Tenure

The scholarship is only available in the year in which it is offered. It may not be deferred.

Condition of Award

If the holder withdraws from the programme for which he/she has registered, he/she will forfeit the bursary.

Application Procedure

1. Applicants will be required to send a completed application form to the Sports Officer, LYIT. The applicant should fill-out the application form and include the following:
 - An official confirmation letter from a County Board or League of Ireland Club that the applicant is a member of an Intercounty (minor or senior) or League of Ireland panel. This, signed letter, must accompany the application form, an e-mail will not be accepted.
2. Selection of candidates will be made following the submission of forms by all eligible students. Signed completed application forms with supporting documentation must be posted and received by Paddy Gallagher, Sports Officer, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, no later than **5 pm on Friday, 17 June 2016**. Late applications will not be accepted.
3. Regardless of a conditional offer, only those who have accepted a valid offer of a full-time place, and registered at LYIT, will receive the New Entrant Sports Scholarship award.

Procedures for Selection of Bursary Students

If necessary, interviews will take place in July to confirm that the applicant meets the required criteria.

Payment

Payment of all New Entrant Sports Scholarship awards will be made to the successful applicant, once registration onto a full-time course at LYIT is confirmed by the applicant to the Sports office. This should be confirmed not later than **Monday 12 September 2016**.

Payment of the New Entrant Sports Scholarship will be made to the successful candidate in two instalments. First half instalment will be made by cheque to the payee on a monthly basis in equal amounts, commencing on 30 September 2016 upon verification of the *eligibility* criteria mentioned above and continuing until 30 January 2017. The second half instalment (February 2016) will be paid in full to the candidate upon successful completion of Semester 1 examinations. Payment of the second instalment will also be based on the candidate's dedication to the Institute club, which includes attendance at training, and participation at competitive games in the intervarsity programme.