

# ROUGH GUIDE TO APPLYING FOR STUDENT GRANTS\*

\*Aimed at U23, mature students should check out our 'Student Financial Support' leaflet

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## Student Grant Scheme

To get a Grant, you must satisfy a few criteria:

- Residence:** You must be legally resident in the State for 3 of the past 5 yrs
- Where ur from:** EU Nationality, Refugee Status, or Leave to Remain
- The course:** Must be a full time course in an approved college
- Income levels:** Your income must be below a certain level (Means Test ↓)

**How the Means Test Works?**

- The income limit is based on Jan - Dec 2014
- Income includes; wages, social welfare payment etc.
- If you are Under 23, you're considered dependent on your parents so their and your own income will be taken into account. However if you have a part-time job, an allowance may be deducted from total income for holiday earnings (€3,809)
- Income Limit: Below are the rates for 2014/15 application (2015 not available yet)

No. of Dependent Children	Full Maintenance	Part Maintenance (75%)	Part Maintenance (50%)	Part Maintenance (25%)	Exempt from Student Service Charge	Exemption from 50% of the new Student Contribution
Less than 4	€39,875	€40,970	€43,380	€45,790	€49,840	€54,240
4 - 7	€43,810	€45,025	€47,670	€50,325	€54,765	€59,595
8 or more	€47,575	€48,890	€51,760	€54,630	€59,455	€64,700

- PLC Students are only eligible to receive the maintenance portion of the Student Grant
- You may be eligible for part-payment of the grant if you are over the initial limit
- If more than one person is going to college then the income limit will be increased to take this into consideration

**APPLY ONLINE**  
through  
**www.susi.ie**  
from  
**23 April 2015**

If your parent's/guardian's circumstances have changed since last year and this affects the overall family income you may be eligible for the Student Grant under 'Change in Circumstances'  
It is worth making an enquiry to see if you qualify.

# The Money



## How much do I get

- It depends on where you live and how much you and your parent's earn
- But if you live near the college and are entitled to a full maintenance grant you will receive approx **€1,215**
- **Student Contribution**— up to **€2,750** will be paid directly to the college, depending on your entitlement. PLC students are only eligible to receive the maintenance portion of the student grant
- **Top Up Grant**— if income is below €22,703 ( in 2014) and you are in receipt of an approved social welfare payment, you may receive an additional payment (see below)

2014 Rates (2015 not available yet)	<b>Non—Adjacent Rate</b> Live more than 45km from college	<b>Adjacent Rate</b> Live 45km or less from college
<b>Top-Up (Special rate)</b>	€5,915	€2,375
<b>Full Maintenance</b>	€3,025	€1,215
<b>Part Maintenance (75%)</b>	€2,270	€ 910
<b>Part Maintenance (50%)</b>	€1,515	€ 605
<b>Part Maintenance (25%)</b>	€ 755	€ 305

### Filling in the Online Form

- ◇ You need to register with SUSI through [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) or [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)— You will need your Personal Public Service Number (PPS Number) and an email address.
- ◇ Fill in all sections where they apply to you or your family and then submit it
- ◇ Following initial assessment, if eligible, you will receive **BY POST** a provisional grant approval and a personalised list of supporting documents you need to send in
- ◇ Send in **PHOTOCOPIES** - not originals
- ◇ Complete your Final Course Acceptance Form (FCA) On-Line through [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)

### Key Documents

Get your supporting documents ready soon to avoid the backlog with the tax or social welfare offices—you can ring up now or go on-line and request these forms, and they will be posted out to you

- ✓ Original Long Form Birth Certificate
- ✓ **P21** (PAYE Statement for 2014—from the local Tax Office) Ph: 1890 333 425
- ✓ **P60** for each employment during 2014
- ✓ **P45** if employment ceased
- ✓ Social Welfare Statement for 2014
- ✓ Health Board Statement (SWA/Rent Allowance)

**These are sent in by post.**

**NB: SUSI may get some of the documents directly from the relevant source so don't panic if you are not asked to send them in.**

## How We Can Help

- Help you apply **ONLINE**
- Help you fill in the online application form & photocopy supporting documentation
- Give information on college courses
- Free internet access

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