Third Level Bursary Scheme

In 2012, the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn T.D. established a scheme of bursaries for students from DEIS schools based on Leaving Certificate examination results. Applications are not needed for these bursaries as they are awarded on a regional basis (Dublin, rest of Leinster, Munster and Connaught/Ulster) based on Leaving Certificate results.

Further Information:

i. Third Level Bursary Scheme - 2015 Information Flier

The Third Level Bursary Scheme 2015 (for students from DEIS schools)
The then Minister for Education and Skills Mr. Ruairi Quinn T.D. established in 2012, a scheme of bursaries for students from DEIS schools based on Leaving Certificate examination results. These bursaries will be awarded to the best-performing students based on the 2015 Leaving Certificate. Awards will be made on a regional basis; Dublin, rest of Leinster, Munster, Connaught/Ulster. A minimum of 60 bursaries will be available in 2015. The amount of the bursary will be €2,000 per student per year of their course and will be paid as a single payment at the beginning of the academic year. Students to whom bursaries are awarded will also be entitled to apply for student grants towards the cost of maintenance and the student contribution or fees. Qualifying criteria for the bursary is as follows:-
- Attend a DEIS school.
- Be a first-time candidate for the Leaving Certificate.
- Be exempt from payment of the Leaving Certificate fee by virtue of holding a medical card.
Third level course of at least 2 year's duration in a publicly-funded institution
Bursaries will be paid annually for the duration of one undergraduate course and up to a maximum 4 years postgraduate study. Applications are not necessary for these bursaries as they will be automatically awarded based on Leaving Certificate examination results.

i. Bursary Scheme 2015

Ernest Walton STEM Bursary

For the 2015/16 academic year at least eight bursaries (Ernest Walton STEM Bursary) are being made available on a similar basis to the Third Level Bursary Scheme but are aimed at students who intend completing a third level course in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field. Applications are necessary for the Ernest Walton (STEM) bursary.
Bursary Scheme 2015
The Ernest Walton STEM Bursary Scheme 2015
(for students from DEIS schools)
As part of the Third Level Bursary Scheme 2015, at least eight bursaries will be awarded on a regional basis (two each in Dublin, rest of Leinster, Munster, Connaught/Ulster) to students from DEIS schools who pursue courses at third level in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).
Unlike the Third Level Bursary Scheme, where the bursaries will be automatically awarded to the best performing students based on performance in the 2015 Leaving Certificate, the Ernest Walton STEM bursaries will be based both on Leaving Certificate results and on the students' course choice for third level.
Therefore, it will be necessary to make an application in order to be considered for the Ernest Walton STEM bursary scheme.
Applications are now invited from students who meet the following eligibility criteria, and intend to pursue a STEM course at third level:
· Attend a DEIS school
· Be a first-time candidate for the Leaving Certificate
· Be exempt from payment of the Leaving Certificate fee by virtue of holding a medical card
· Have selected a STEM course as first choice on their CAO application
The amount of the bursary will be €2,000 per student per year of their course and will be paid as a single payment at the beginning of the academic year. Students to whom bursaries are awarded will also be entitled to apply for a student grant towards the cost of maintenance and the student contribution charge or fees.
Bursaries will be paid annually for the duration of one undergraduate course and up to a maximum 4 years postgraduate study.

Each candidate must submit a completed application form and attach evidence from the CAO that he/she has applied for a STEM course as their first choice.
Third level courses of two or more year's duration, listed as STEM courses on the website below and pursued at a publicly funded institution will be considered.
STEM courses are listed on the following website:
http://www.careersportal.ie/members/auth/courses/cao_stem_wizard.php

i. The application forms may be copied or additional forms may be requested
ii. Ernest Walton STEM Bursary - 2015 Information Flier
iii. Ernest Walton STEM Bursary – 2015 Application Form

The closing date for receipt of these applications is Friday, 1st August 2015.