

Scholarship Scheme Application Form

Please complete all relevant sections where applicable using block capitals and complete form in blue /black ink pen. Please tick the relevant boxes.
If you or your parents/guardians are in receipt of any benefit, assistance or allowance please fill out section 1.8-1.9 or 1.10-1.11, if not, proceed to section 1.12

1. Personal Details

1.1 Firstname: _____ **Surname:** _____

1.2 Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

1.3 Date of Birth:

1.4 Place of Birth: ☐ Irish ☐ EU National ☐ Other

If other please specify: _____

1.5 Home Address: _____ **College Address (if different):** _____

Tel Number: _____ **Mobile:** _____ **Email:** _____

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1.6 Are you a member of Member First Credit Union ?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long are you a member? _____ **CU Account No:** _____

1.7 Employment /Educational Status:

☐ Leaving Cert Student

☐ Trainee Apprentice

☐ College Student -

☐ Full Time

☐ Part Time

☐ Unemployed -

☐ More than 12 months

☐ Less than 12 months

☐ Employed -

☐ Full-Time Employment

☐ Part-time employment

☐ Self-Employed

☐ Seasonal Employment

1.8 Benefits & Payments - Please tick any payments YOU are in receipt of:

☐ Job Seekers Benefit

☐ Job Seekers Allowance

☐ Family Income Support

☐ One Parent Family Payment

☐ SOLUS (FÁS) Training Allowance

☐ Carers Allowance

☐ Disability Benefit/ Allowance

☐ Back to Work Allowance

☐ Family Income Supplement

☐ SOLUS (FÁS) Wage Payment

☐ Back to Education Allowance

**1.9 Number of dependents: Insert the number of non-working people residing with you who are -
Financially dependant on YOU:**

☐ Children Ages 0 - 5

☐ Children Aged 6 - 15

☐ Children Aged 16+

☐ Spouse/ Partner

☐ Disabled Adult/Child/Sibling/Other

☐ Elderly Parent/Older Elder

1.10 Please tick any payments that your PARENTS or GUARDIANS are in receipt of:

☐ Job Seekers Benefit

☐ Job Seekers Allowance

☐ Family Income Support

☐ One Parent Family Payment

☐ SOLUS (FÁS) Training Allowance

☐ Carers Allowance

☐ Disability Benefit/ Allowance

☐ Back to Work Allowance

☐ Family Income Supplement

☐ SOLUS(FÁS) Wage Payment

☐ Back to Education Allowance

1.11 Number of dependents: Insert the number of non-working people residing in the household**who are financially dependent on your PARENTS / GUARDIANS:**

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children Ages 0 - 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Children Aged 6 - 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Children Aged 16+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/ Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Adult/Child/Sibling/Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Parent/Older Elder |

1.12 Education - Schools Attended:

Primary School Name & Address: _____

Secondary School Name & Address: _____

1.13 Level of Education

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Formal Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate /Junior Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving Certificate Applied | <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third Level Qualification | <input type="checkbox"/> Further Education Qualification | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Certificate |

2. COURSE DETAILS**2.1 Name of Course:** _____

Course Code (if applicable): _____ Student Number: _____

Name & Address of College: _____

Duration of Course:**Is it full-time/part-time/modular** ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Modular**How long is the course?** ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 year ☐ 3 year ☐ 4 year ☐ Other _____**Current year in course** *(Please indicate if you are repeating)*☐ 1st year ☐ 2nd year ☐ 3rd year ☐ 4th year ☐ Repeat**2.2 Level of Accreditation/Award upon completion of course:**

- | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HETAC | <input type="checkbox"/> FETAC | <input type="checkbox"/> VTOS | <input type="checkbox"/> SOLUS (FÁS) Apprenticeship | <input type="checkbox"/> Cert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. /Higher Cert | <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Hons Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> PHD/Higher Doctorate | | |

3. FINANCIAL DETAILS**3.1 Please detail what financial support is currently available to you on an ongoing basis:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time work | <input type="checkbox"/> Family contribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Access Funds | <input type="checkbox"/> Back to Education Allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Loans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship/Bursary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Benefits - please specify _____ | |

4. EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

4.1 Please give details of your current or most recent employment (if any).

Company Name/ Employer Name: _____

Company Address: _____

4.2 Are you working during course term time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes how many hours per week do you work? ☐ <8hrs ☐ 9-12hrs ☐ 13-16hrs ☐ 17-20hrs ☐ >20hrs

What are the total course fees for this year? € _____

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5.1 Personal Statement

As part of the scholarship scheme application, please attach a typed personal statement of approx. 200 words

Useful guidelines to follow for the personal statement are;

- Explain why you should receive the scholarship scheme from Member First Credit Union?
- Explain why you want to do this course and what you want to achieve from the course?
- What do you intend to do after the course is complete?
- What are your long term plans/goals?

6. CHECKLIST

6.1 Please check that you have completed all relevant sections from 1 to 4 and included the following items as part of your application;

- Passport size photo *1
- Personal statement (see section 5.1 for more details)
- A written reference from a principal/teacher or employer from your most recent school, college or work place, please include referee contact details.

6.2 Where did you hear about the Member First Credit Union Scholarship Scheme?

☐ Notice in office ☐ Advert in newspaper ☐ Mailing ☐ Family member/friend
☐ Website ☐ Other (please specify) _____

I hereby declare that the above information, in applying for the Member First Credit Union Scholarship is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to allow additional information of relevance to this application to be sought from, or shared with, others as appropriate.

On receipt of the Member First Credit Union Scholarship, I agree to take part in any promotional activities with Member First Credit Union.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return to:

Business Development Manager, Member First Credit Union, Artane Roundabout, Artane, Dublin 5

Closing Date for receipt of all applications is 2pm - 1st September 2017

Scholarship Scheme Terms and Conditions

Access to further education & training

Member First Credit Union is awarding €15,000 worth of scholarships for 2017 based on certain criteria. The scholarships are exclusive to Member First Credit Union members to assist them with their chosen education path. Applications are invited from existing members who are currently attending or commencing training or education courses.

1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 "Scholarship Scheme" means that Member First Credit Union will award a total of €15,000 in scholarships based on certain criteria from Member First Credit Union. The scholarships are exclusive to Member First Credit members to assist them on their chosen education path. Applications are invited from anyone who is currently attending or commencing training or educational courses.

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 All eligible members who are over 16 years of age can apply to participate in the credit union Scholarship Scheme by completing the Scholarship Application Form.

3.0 Scholarship Scheme Rules

- 3.1 All applicants must be a member of Member First Credit Union for at least 3 months.
- 3.2 The applicant's account must be in good order and the account must not be in arrears.
- 3.3 Applicants must be residing in the Republic of Ireland.
- 3.4 An applicant commencing or participating on a course must be undertaken with an education body that is recognised by the Department of education.
- 3.5 An applicant commencing or participating in an apprenticeship/training must be undertaken with a recognised body such as SOLUS(FÁS) or similar.
- 3.6 Applications will be accepted from students who have already commenced their course
- 3.7 The credit union will accept applications for full and part-time courses
- 3.8 The course duration must be at least one year
- 3.9 The Scholarship Scheme is not open to applications for courses in private colleges.
- 3.10 Any course/apprenticeship or training that does not meet these requirements will not be eligible for application.
- 3.11 The successful applicant/s will receive the scholarship on the condition that they have been accepted on a training/third level course/s and proof of acceptance will be required.
- 3.12 An apprentice must obtain a job as an apprentice with a suitable employer, who can offer an apprenticeship in a certain chosen occupation - relevant employer contact details and proof of apprenticeship will be required
- 3.13 All applicants are required to complete the scholarship application form, provide a personal statement of approx. 200 words in support of their application as well as a reference letter.
- 3.14 No cash payments will be made. The scholarships will be in the form of payment for services e.g. fees, accommodation, books etc. Alternatively, receipts will be required for proof of purchase and payments will be issued.
- 3.15 Those awarded a scholarship may NOT apply in subsequent years.
- 3.16 The decision of Member First Credit Union Board of Directors is final.
- 3.17 Closing Date for receipt of all applications is as determined by the credit union.

4.0 Undertaking

- 4.1 In participating in the credit union Scholarship Scheme, the member agrees to make themselves aware of and abide by the Scholarship Terms & Conditions.

5.0 Interpretation

- 5.1 These Terms & Conditions constitute the salient terms applicable to the provision of the Scholarship Scheme by the credit union.

6.0 Identification

- 6.1 To ensure compliance with the Criminal Justice Act, 2010 (as amended from time to time) the member will be required to produce to the credit union satisfactory evidence of identity, current permanent address and possibly source of funds by means of supporting documentation.

7.0 Amendment of Terms & Conditions

- 7.1 The credit union reserves the right to vary these terms and conditions if there is any relevant material change in the prevailing legal, tax or regulatory conditions or to enhance the security of the services provided by the credit union.
- 7.2 The credit union reserves the right at all times to introduce new conditions or to vary or amend existing conditions by giving at least fourteen days' notice thereof to the member, by whatever means deemed appropriate by the credit union which could include a notice display in the Credit Union Offices.