

1. Introduction:

The Bursary/Scholarship has been established to honour the memory of Bernie Ruane, a valued member of the Teachers' Union of Ireland (TUI) who passed away in 2020.

Bernie held many positions within the Union, most notably serving as President and, latterly, as Assistant General Secretary up to her retirement in April 2020. Bernie was, first and foremost, a committed and gifted teacher who championed equality and inclusion and stood up for those in difficulty.

This bursary, funded by the Teachers' Union of Ireland, will provide financial assistance to students whose intention it is to pursue a career in post-primary teaching and who, to that end, are undertaking level 8 programmes of study in publicly funded Higher Education Institutions within the Republic of Ireland.

To be awarded a bursary a student must be accepted on to, must have registered for and must be attending an undergraduate course required for qualification as a post-primary teacher.

2. Value of Bursary:

A student who is awarded a bursary will receive €1,500 per annum for each year of the course (exclusive of an Erasmus year) up to a maximum of four years and subject to the conditions attaching to bursary offers.

3. Truthful and accurate information

Any offer of a bursary is dependent upon information provided by or on behalf of the applicant student being truthful and accurate and upon the student fulfilling the conditions of the scheme. In this regard, it is the responsibility of the applicant student to ensure that all information provided is truthful and accurate. If information provided does not meet these standards the TUI reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a bursary or to terminate payment of a bursary.

4. Other conditions

The bursary shall be awarded

- only in respect of attendance at an approved course in an approved, publicly funded higher education institution within the Republic of Ireland
- for the normal duration of one approved undergraduate course, up to a maximum of four years of study (subject to progression annually). If the approved undergraduate course is of three years' duration, the bursary may be continued into the first year of the Professional Master of Education (PME) course where the student has registered for and is attending that course.

Bursary holders will be expected to satisfy the regulations of their college/institution and to undergo every term examination or other examination/assessment determined by the authorities of their college/institution for their course.

5. Payment of bursary

The bursary will be paid annually, in the month of November, as a single payment. Payment will be made into the student's Irish bank account provided that confirmation has been received by the Union that the student is registered, is attending an approved course and, where applicable, has successfully completed the required assessments and has progressed to the next year of the programme.

A bursary in payment will be renewed when appropriate, formal, written confirmation is received that the bursary holder has progressed to the next year of the course, subject to the normal duration of the course.

The bursary may be terminated where an unfavourable report on the bursary holder is received from the authorities of the relevant college/institution.

A bursary shall not be paid in respect of a second period of attendance at the same level of a course – i.e. for a repeat year.



Application Requirements

Any person wishing to apply for the Bernie Ruane Bursary 2021 must

- A) complete the application form “TUI - Bernie Ruane Bursary” which can be downloaded from the TUI website www.tui.ie
- B) write a signed and dated Personal Statement of no more than 500 words in support of her/his application
- C) return the completed application form and Personal Statement by post to

TUI Bursary Scheme, Teachers’ Union of Ireland, 73 Orwell Road, Dublin 6

Or Email to

bursarybr@tui.ie

Closing Date: 21st May 2021

The TUI may, at its sole discretion, require applicants for a bursary to attend for interview. If an interview is required, the Union will meet the legitimate expenses necessarily incurred by the applicant (including travel costs).

It is important to note that, apart from bursaries already in payment, only one new bursary will be awarded each year. It will be a matter solely for the Teachers’ Union of Ireland to determine to whom to award a bursary and that determination shall be final.

The criteria to apply for award of a bursary under this scheme shall be determined by the TUI, at its sole discretion.

First Year of Award – 2021 – confined to schools in Shannon Branch, TUI

In the first year of operation of this Bursary scheme, on an exceptional basis, the bursary will be awarded to an applicant who in the current (2020/21) school year is a final year Leaving Certificate student of one of the schools in the Shannon Branch of the Teachers’ Union of Ireland. This is in recognition of Bernie Ruane’s long association with and service to that Branch.

Applications for the first award of the Bursary are therefore invited from final year Leaving Certificate students of:

CBS Ennistymon
Coláiste Muire Ennis
Mary Immaculate Lisdoonvarna
Rice College Ennis
St Caimin’s Community School Shannon
St Flannan’s College
St Joseph’s Spanish Point
St Joseph’s Tulla
St Patrick’s Comprehensive Shannon



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**Invitation to students
planning to pursue a
career in post primary
teaching**