



# Health Services Staffs Credit Union

## HSSCU Scholarship 2026 – Terms and Conditions

- To be eligible to submit an application, a prospective applicant is required to have joined HSSCU prior to March 1st in the year of application and have maintained his/her account(s) in good standing since.
- A **minimum balance of €50** (excluding the €2.75 for member prize draw) must be maintained in this account for a minimum of 6 months prior to the closing date of this fund. There must be a minimum of 1 transaction per month (not to include the member prize draw) on the applicant's account.
- Scholarships are available exclusively for the payment of college fees. All repeat fees, if applicable, are borne by the student.
- **Applicants will be required to submit a typed essay (400 – 500 words) entitled "What the scholarship would mean to me". Handwritten essays will be excluded.**
- Successful applicants should provide an invoice of fees to be made payable to the University/College – Note that if the grant received does not cover the full fee amount, the applicant is responsible for paying the remaining balance. In year one fees may be paid to the student on production of receipts.
- Applicants may apply for the higher education scholarship and the Betty Noone bursary simultaneously but can receive only one.
- Payment of 2nd and subsequent years of the scholarship will be dependent on the student passing their examinations, official confirmation that the student is continuing with their studies in the same course or permitted course change and the member maintaining their account(s) with HSSCU in good standing.
- The Board of Directors of HSSCU has exclusive and entire responsibility for all matters relating to the scholarship and their decisions in all matters are to be deemed final and conclusive.
- Successful applicants must make themselves available for promotional advertising purposes, including photographs, newsletters, the website and social media promotion, for the duration of the scholarship and may be requested to provide a graduation photo for future marketing purposes.
- Applicants will be shortlisted and may be required to attend an interview.
- Students can apply for a grant for full or part time education courses.
- One successful application per applicant's lifetime.
- Funding from employers or other scholarships for tuition fees will be taken into consideration, over the life of the grant.
- The Board of Directors of HSSCU reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions as necessary any time.
- There will be two Higher Education Scholarships available per college year for masters/diploma/degree/post grad programmes. A total scholarship fund of **€50,000** is available annually.



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- Each Masters/Post Grad scholarship will have a maximum value of up to €15,000 and Diploma/Degree scholarship will have a maximum value of up to €10,000. Each payable in equal instalments to cover fees over the duration of the course.
- The scholarship will fund course fees for the successful applicant less any funding from other sources, such as employer grants or scholarships, to a maximum of €15,000 or €10,000.
- The closing date for submission of complete applications is 1:00pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.

## Privacy Notice

HSSCU will use your personal data for the purposes of the processing of applications, selection of recipients, including, where relevant, sending any potential winner and confirmed winner notifications to you. This can include your details in promotional activities if you are a winner, on the basis of its legitimate interests in generating goodwill among its members and fulfilling its obligations in connection with this promotion. It is also a requirement around the transparency of the use of HSSCU funds.

Health Services Staffs Credit Union Ltd. Is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

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