

theNaughtonFoundation

NAUGHTON SCHOLARSHIPS TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2010

- **What are the Naughton Scholarships?**

The Naughton Scholarships are a scheme of scholarships to promote the study of engineering, science and technology at third level by students in Ireland. For 2010, the scheme applies to the counties of Cavan, Donegal, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan and Louth (the “Applicable Counties”).

Two students from each of the Applicable Counties will be awarded a scholarship. The first place award in each county will be €4,000 for each year of that student’s third-level course. The second place award in each county will be €2,000 for each year of that student’s third level course.

- **Who is eligible to apply?**

All second level students:

- (a) who have been attending a recognised school in one of the Applicable Counties for at least two years immediately preceding the sitting of the Leaving Certificate examination in 2010; and
- (b) who are sitting examinations in at least two of the following Leaving Certificate science and maths subjects - Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, and Applied Mathematics (the “Applicable Subjects”); and
- (c) who intend in the year immediately following their Leaving Certificate to pursue a full-time undergraduate programme of three or more years duration in engineering, science or technology related courses, in any publicly funded university or third level institution in Ireland, including Northern Ireland.

- **What kind of third level courses are eligible for scholarships?**

All third level courses of three or more year's duration in any publicly funded university or third level institution in Ireland, including Northern Ireland, related to the fields of engineering, science and technology will be eligible for scholarship. Any course must be recognised by and registered with either the CAO system or the UCAS system.

- **How to apply for a scholarship?**

Applications are invited from all second-level students who meet the eligibility criteria. Each candidate must submit a completed application providing their personal details, his/her educational history, his/her preferred third level course choices and a personal statement. Application Forms can be viewed and completed online on the Foundation's website, www.thenaughtonfoundation.ie.

- **Where and when to send completed Application Forms?**

Application Forms can be viewed and completed online on the Foundation's website, www.thenaughtonfoundation.ie.

Alternatively, for those students who do not have access to a computer, Application Forms should be completed and posted to The Naughton Scholarships, The Naughton Foundation, 26 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2.

The closing date for receipt of applications by the Foundation is 30th April 2010. Applications must be received by 5.30pm on the closing date. The Foundation will acknowledge all online applications immediately by email and all postal applications by email within two weeks of the closing date. All applicants will be provided by email with a password with which to submit online (a) their Leaving Certificate results and (b) details of third level offers received, in August.

Please note that late applications cannot be accepted. Please keep a copy of your Application Form, as it will not be possible to provide a copy of same once submitted. Please email any queries on the Application Forms to applications@thenaughtonfoundation.ie.

- **What are the selection criteria?**

The Trustees of The Naughton Foundation have established a Selection Panel for assessing all applications. Significant importance and preference will be given to those candidates who achieve the highest combined results in the Leaving Certificate in the Applicable Subjects. However, the Selection Panel will also review and evaluate the merits and eligibility of candidates using several other criteria, including:

- (a) the interest, ability and potential of the candidate to study their chosen field;
- (b) the existence and severity of any disadvantages or barriers which may prevent or impede the candidate from their chosen field;
- (c) the candidate's motivation, commitment and disposition to benefit from third-level education and to complete the course of study successfully; and
- (d) the candidates' personal statements will bear on their likelihood of success.

The onus is on the candidate in completing the Application Form, particularly the personal statement, to demonstrate the degree to which he/she meets these criteria.

The Selection Panel will prepare a shortlist of candidates and some candidates may be required to attend an interview with the Selection Panel. The interviews will principally focus on the candidate's application and the degree to which he/she meets the selection criteria. The interviews will be conducted after completion of the Leaving Certificate. Candidates to be called for interview will be given one week's notice of the date, time and location of the interview.

- **Award of Scholarship**

Upon receipt of their Leaving Certificate results, all candidates must submit their results via the uplink on the Foundation's website, www.thenaughtonfoundation.ie.

Scholarships will be awarded to successful candidates, subject to:

- (a) Verification of Leaving Certificate results;
- (b) Any necessary verification of information provided in the Application Form, including contact with any referees;
- (c) An offer of a place and confirmation of registration on the relevant third level course. The latter consideration may result in an offer of a scholarship being made on a conditional basis initially.

Any scholarships awarded will continue, at the same amount as awarded for the first year, for each of the succeeding two or three years of attendance, as applicable, subject to certification by the relevant third level institute of the candidate's satisfactory performance, including examinations, for each academic year. No scholarship amount will be paid for any academic year that is repeated. The exact conditions governing the scholarship will be outlined in detail to the successful candidates at the time the offer is made.

The Foundation will host a special ceremony to publicly announce the winners of these scholarship awards in September / October. A special presentation will also be made to each scholarship award winner's school. Their parents and representatives of their respective schools as well as members of the media and others will be invited to attend this ceremony.

- **General terms and conditions**

The Selection Panel may, at any stage, seek additional information from individual candidates or referees.

A student who is eligible for or who is in receipt of another major scholarship or educational payment or training allowance may be deemed by the Selection Panel to be ineligible to receive the award of a scholarship.

The Trustees of the Naughton Foundation reserve all rights to modify at any time and/or to terminate this scholarship scheme and/or to make whatever decisions in regard to the operation of this scholarship scheme that may be required and their determination(s) on all these matters shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal.