



Application Form Guide 2026/27



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ACCESSING THE BURSARY PORTAL

The Bursary Portal can be accessed via the 1916 Bursary website at the following link:

[Home - The 1916 Bursary](#)



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The 1916 Bursary

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Start your 1916 Bursary Application here

2026/27 Bursary Registrations and Applications are open from 03/09/26 until 09/10/26, 5pm.

[Sign In](#)



Who is the 1916 Bursary for?

First time entrants of an undergraduate programme, full or part time, with a household



Can I apply?

To be eligible for a 1916 Bursary, all applicants must meet Financial, Priority Group and College



FAQ

1916 Bursary Frequently Asked Questions

By following the link, you will be directed to a separate website where you can register or sign in to your account for the 1916 Bursary and submit your application.

The application window opens on **3 September 2026** and closes on **9 October 2026**.



ACCOUNT SIGN IN / REGISTRATION

Applicants can enter the username and password they created when they registered their account.

If not registered, you can create an account for the 1916 Bursary by selecting the Register tab.

(See details on next page)

The screenshot displays the user interface for the 1916 Bursary account management system. At the top, a navigation bar includes the 'The 1916 Bursary' logo, the 'PATH Programme for Access to Higher Education' logo, the 'Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland' logo, and the European Union flag with the text 'Arna chomhchistiú ag an Aontas Eorpach Co-Funded by the European Union'. On the right side of the navigation bar are links for 'Home' and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar, there are two tabs: 'Sign in' (selected) and 'Register'. The main content area is titled 'Sign in with a local account'. It features two input fields: '* Username' and '* Password'. Below these fields is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me?'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Sign in' and 'Forgot your password?'. The 'Sign in' button is highlighted in black.

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[Register](#)

Register for a new local account

* Email

* Username

* Password

* Confirm password

* PPSN

I have read and accept the [Privacy Notice and Consent](#)
to share personal data for the purpose of my 1916
Bursary application.

*

Disagree



[Generate a new image](#)

[Play the audio code](#)

Enter the code from the image

In completing the application students are advised to:

- Complete the application form using a desktop or laptop computer, do not use a mobile phone or tablet.
- Use the Internet browsers Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome.
- When registering your account, confirm your email before proceeding further by clicking the blue Confirm Email button.
- When inputting your PPSN you must use capital letters, i.e., 108976h needs to be 108976H.

Please contact your University Access Service for support if you have any issues or need help with your application.

Applicants must enter an email, username, password and PPSN. They must also select Agree to the Privacy Notice and Consent information and complete a captcha code to register.

Applicants will also need to verify their email address by receiving a link to their registered email address.

APPLICANT DASHBOARD

Once signed in, applicants have access to an applicant dashboard where they can apply for the bursary and update personal details.

The screenshot displays the applicant dashboard for The 1916 Bursary. At the top, the header includes the 'The 1916 Bursary' logo, the 'PATH Programme for Access to Higher Education' logo, the 'Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland' logo, and the 'European Union' logo with the text 'Arna chomhchistiú ag an Aontas Eorpach' and 'Co-Funded by the European Union'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Application', 'Communications', and 'Payments'. The main content area features a 'Welcome' message with a hand icon. A large banner image shows four students walking outdoors, with the text 'Start your 1916 Bursary Application here' and '2026/27 Bursary Registrations and Applications are open from 03/09/26 until 09/10/26, 5pm.' and an 'Apply Now' button. Below the banner are two buttons: 'Upcoming Payment' and 'My Application'. At the bottom, there are three small images: a group of students walking, a group of students in a classroom, and a student wearing a hijab.

STARTING AN APPLICATION

Start your 1916 Bursary Application here

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Apply Now

+ New Service

Draft Services

Submitted Services

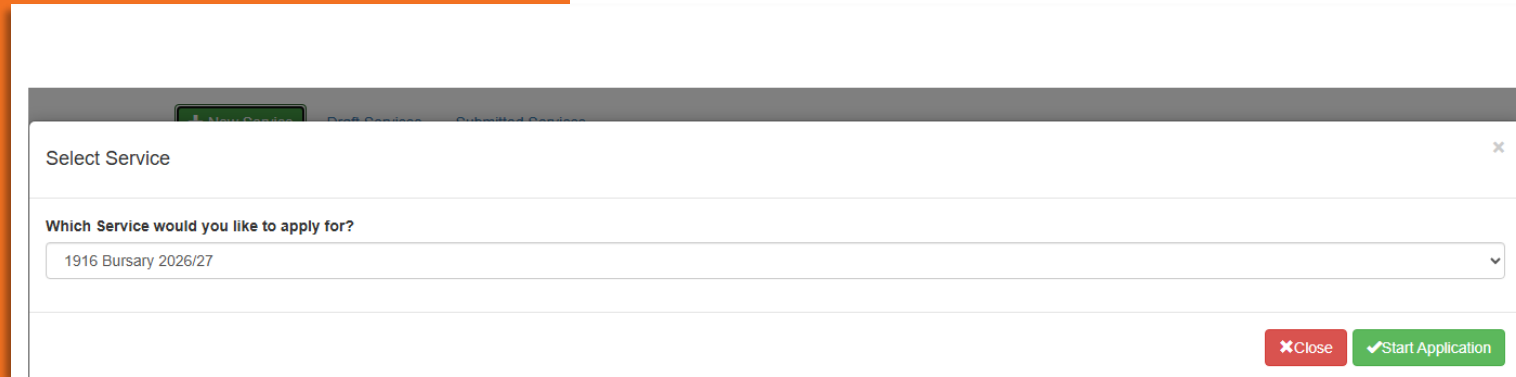
Draft Services

No Applications Found

To start an application, click '**Apply Now**' and then click the '**+New Service**' button.

STARTING AN APPLICATION

From the dropdown menu that appears, select '**1916 Bursary 2026/27**' and **start application**.



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a 'Select Service' dropdown menu. The dropdown is open, displaying a list of services. The selected service is '1916 Bursary 2026/27'. At the bottom right of the dropdown, there are two buttons: a red 'Close' button and a green 'Start Application' button.

Select Service

Which Service would you like to apply for?

1916 Bursary 2026/27

Close Start Application

APPLICATION FORM SECTIONS

Progress

✖ Financial

College Entry

Priority Groups

Additional Indicators

ESF Data

Terms and Conditions

The application form is broken into six sections:

- Financial;
- College Entry;
- Priority Groups;
- Additional Indicators;
- ESF Data;
- Terms and Conditions.

FINANCIAL

Applicants must choose how they wish their Financial eligibility to be determined:

- I have applied to SUSI and the outcome of my application can be verified directly with SUSI.
- I will upload relevant supporting documentation.

The screenshot shows a web application window titled "New 1916 Bursary 2026/27". The main heading is "1916 Bursary 2026/27". On the left is a "Progress" sidebar with a list of steps: Financial (marked with a red X), College Entry, Priority Groups, Additional Indicators, ESF Data, and Terms and Conditions. The main content area is titled "Financial" and contains a required field "Evidence of Financial Eligibility: Please select how we can verify this information. *". Below this are two dropdown menus, both currently showing "--Please Select a Value--". Under the dropdowns are two radio button options: "I have applied to SUSI and the outcome of my application can be verified directly with SUSI." and "I will upload relevant supporting documentation." At the bottom right of the form are "Close" and "Save" buttons. A small blue circular icon with a white 'S' is visible in the bottom right corner of the window.

FINANCIAL – OPTION 1

Applicants must enter their personal SUSI W reference number if choosing to have the outcome of their SUSI application considered.

They also must consent to share their personal data with SUSI.

Applicants should only use this option if a decision has been reached on their SUSI application e.g. Awarded.

New 1916 Bursary 2026/27

1916 Bursary 2026/27

Progress

- ✓ Financial
- ✗ College Entry
- Priority Groups
- Additional Indicators
- ESF Data
- Terms and Conditions

Financial

Evidence of Financial Eligibility: Please select how we can verify this information. *

I have applied to SUSI and the outcome of my application can be verified directly with SUSI.

If you have been awarded the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) Special Rate of Maintenance Grant or you have applied to SUSI please enter your SUSI W reference number: ? *

W262710621234

I consent for my personal data to be shared with SUSI? ? *

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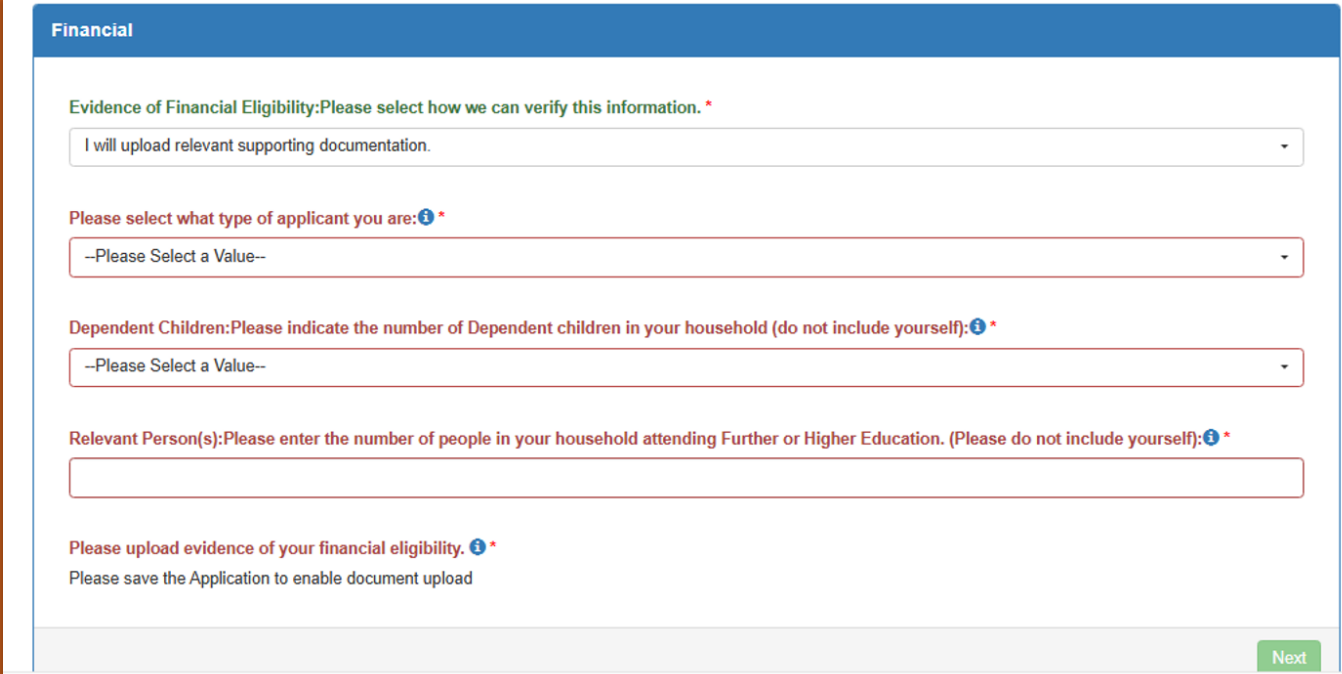
✕ Close Save

FINANCIAL – OPTION 2

Choosing Option 2, applicants will be required to submit documents that demonstrate their eligibility.

Information on required documents can be found at the following link:

[Supporting Documentation - The 1916 Bursary](#)



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Financial" with a blue header. The form contains several sections with dropdown menus and a text input field. At the bottom right, there are "Next", "Close", and "Save" buttons.

Financial

Evidence of Financial Eligibility: Please select how we can verify this information. *

I will upload relevant supporting documentation.

Please select what type of applicant you are: ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

Dependent Children: Please indicate the number of Dependent children in your household (do not include yourself): ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

Relevant Person(s): Please enter the number of people in your household attending Further or Higher Education. (Please do not include yourself): ⓘ *

Please upload evidence of your financial eligibility. ⓘ *

Please save the Application to enable document upload

Next

Close Save

FINANCIAL – OPTION 2

Next, select the type of applicant you are:

- Student dependent of parent(s)/legal guardian (Under 23 on 1 January 2026);
- Mature Student dependent of parent(s)/legal guardian (Over 23 on 1 January 2026 and residing with your parents(s)/legal guardians);
- Independent Mature Student (Over 23 on 1 January 2026 and residing independently from October 2025).

Financial

Evidence of Financial Eligibility: Please select how we can verify this information. *

I will upload relevant supporting documentation.

Please select what type of applicant you are: ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

--Please Select a Value--

Student dependent of parents(s)/legal guardian (Under 23 on 1 January 2026).

Mature Student dependent of parents(s)/legal guardian (Over 23 on 1 January 2026 and residing with your parent(s)/legal guardians).

Independent Mature Student (Over 23 on 1 January 2026 and residing independently from October 2025).

Relevant Person(s): Please enter the number of people in your household attending Further or Higher Education. (Please do not include yourself): ⓘ *

Please upload evidence of your financial eligibility. ⓘ *

Please save the Application to enable document upload

Next

FINANCIAL – OPTION 2

You must then select the number of dependent children in the household:

- Less than 4;
- Between 4 and 7;
- 8 or more.

They can also enter the number of relevant persons in the household.

Evidence of Financial Eligibility: Please select how we can verify this information. *

I will upload relevant supporting documentation.

Please select what type of applicant you are: ⓘ *

Independent Mature Student (Over 23 on 1 January 2026 and residing independently from October 2025).

Dependent Children: Please indicate the number of Dependent children in your household (do not include yourself): ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

--Please Select a Value--

Less than 4 dependent children.

Between 4 and 7 dependent children.

8 or more dependent children.

Please upload evidence of your financial eligibility. ⓘ *

Please save the Application to enable document upload

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

- **Dependent Children:** Please indicate the number of dependent children in your household (do not include yourself).

A dependent child is a child or foster child who on the 1st October 2025 was either under sixteen years of age, over sixteen and in full time education or over sixteen and certified permanently unfit for work by reason of a medical condition.

- **Relevant Persons:** Please enter the number of people in your household attending Further or Higher Education. (Please do not include yourself).

A relevant person is defined as another person, within the household who is attending a full-time course in further or higher education or an approved part-time course in academic year 2026/27.

FINANCIAL – OPTION 2

Please upload evidence of your financial eligibility. ⓘ *

Please save the Application to enable document upload

Next

✕Close

💾Save



Please upload evidence of your financial eligibility. ⓘ *

Choose File

1916 Bursary Financial Criteria Docs.docx (uploaded)

📎Upload Document

Next

The application must be saved at this point to allow applicants to upload the documents to demonstrate their household income. All income documents should be uploaded as a single file.

COLLEGE ENTRY

The College Entry criteria section contains five questions initially.
(See a breakdown of the questions on the next pages).

College Entry

Are you a new entrant,pursuing an undergraduate course and progressing to higher education for the first time in the 2026-2027 academic year? *

--Please Select a Value--

I confirm I am attending an approved full time or part-time course. ⓘ *

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I confirm I have lived in the Irish State for at least three out of the last five years before the start of the first year of my studies. ⓘ *

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Only people who have lived in Ireland for at least three out of the last five years are eligible to apply for a 1916 Bursary.

Are you applying as a: *

--Please Select a Value--

Please select the name of the Higher Education Institution of your course from the drop-down menu: *

--Please Select a Value--

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COLLEGE ENTRY QUESTIONS

- Are you a new entrant, pursuing an undergraduate course and progressing to higher education for the first time in the 2026-2027 academic year?

To qualify for the bursary, you must be a new entrant to higher education (Level 6 Higher certificate qualifications or above). It is also possible to be eligible if you qualify as a second chance student.

- Are you studying an approved full-time or part-time undergraduate course?

Applicants must answer yes to this question to be eligible for the Bursary.

- Have you lived in the Irish state for at least three out of the last five years before the first year of your studies?

Applicants must meet this criteria to be eligible for the Bursary.

COLLEGE ENTRY

College Entry

Are you a new entrant, pursuing an undergraduate course and progressing to higher education for the first time in the 2026-2027 academic year? *

No

I confirm I am a second chance mature student  *

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If applicants are not a new entrant to higher education, but qualify as a second chance student, they can select this by answering No to Question 1 and ticking the box for a second chance student.

COLLEGE ENTRY QUESTIONS



Are you applying as a:

- Full-Time Student (via CAO)
- Part-Time Student
- Full-Time student, applied directly to the College and entering year 2 of a programme, having not attended third level previously.
- I am a student on a tertiary education programme co-designed and delivered by an education and training board (ETB) and a higher education institution.
- Direct entry from an access or foundation course (not via CAO).

Option 1 requires your CAO number. Remaining options require HEI student number to be entered.



Please select the name of the Higher Education Institution of your course from the drop-down menu:

Please select the applicable institution where your course will take place.

PRIORITY GROUPS

Priority Groups

To be considered for the 1916 Bursary Fund applicants must be from at least one of the priority groups listed below. Please select ALL priority groups relevant to you:

Are you a student who is socio-economically disadvantaged? ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

Do you live in an area that experiences socio-economic disadvantage? ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

Are you a member of the Irish Traveller community? *

--Please Select a Value--

Are you a member of the Roma community? *

--Please Select a Value--

Are you a mature student? ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

In this next section, you are asked to select which Priority Groups apply to you.

Some priority groups require documentary evidence to be uploaded on the application while others may require evidence at a later stage.

Details on required documents can be found at the following link:

[Supporting Documentation - The 1916 Bursary](#)

PRIORITY GROUPS

- I am a student that experiences socio-economic disadvantage.
- I live in an area that experiences socio-economic disadvantage.
- I am a member of the Irish Traveller Community.
- I am a member of the Roma Community.
- I am a mature student.
- I am a student entering on the basis of a QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland) or Further Education award.
- I am eligible for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) Scheme.
- I am a student with a disability.
- I am a lone parent and/or teen parent in receipt of a long-term means-tested Department of Social Protection payment.
- I (the applicant) am a carer, in receipt of carer's allowance.
- I am a student from an ethnic minority who is lawfully present in the State.

ADDITIONAL INDICATORS

Similarly to Priority Groups, you can answer Yes to any Additional Indicators that apply to you.

Further information or documents may be required depending on the specific option selected.

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Additional Indicators

I am or was previously homeless. *

--Please Select a Value--

I am or was in the Care of the State/TUSLA (the Child and Family Agency). *

--Please Select a Value--

I am or was previously living in a Direct Provision Centre. ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

Have you either served time in prison and/or received a community-based probation sanction which resulted in a criminal record? ⓘ *

--Please Select a Value--

I am a survivor of domestic violence. *

--Please Select a Value--

What entry route did you use to access higher education? *

--Please Select a Value--

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What entry route did you use to access higher education?

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ESF Survey Question

European Social Fund (ESF) Survey Questions. The following three questions are a requirement of the ESF who co-fund the 1916 Bursary with the Government of Ireland.

Education level completed. Please read the statements below and choose the option that best describes you: *

--Please Select a Value--

Employment History - Please read the statements below and choose the option that describes your current employment status: *

--Please Select a Value--

Residence Area Description - Please read both statements below and choose the option that best describes the area you live in: *

--Please Select a Value--

Applicants must complete a short survey for the purposes of reporting to the European Social Fund (ESF) who co-fund the 1916 Bursary.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In the final section of the application form, Applicants must read and accept the terms and conditions as detailed in the list shown.

Terms and Conditions

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The final stage of your application is to read each of the following statements carefully and declare that you agree to them. If you do not agree to all statements you will not be eligible to be considered under the 1916 Bursary 2026/2027.

- I understand that the information supplied in this application is accurate and complete.
- I understand that if I have misrepresented myself or given false declaration I will be ineligible for the 1916 Bursary.
- I understand that the 1916 Bursary application processor shall only process my data for the purpose for which I provide it to the extent necessary to process my application in line with the regulations attached to this Bursary.
- I agree that the financial details of my application and supporting documentation may be reviewed by independent personnel and understand they will be treated confidentially.
- I understand and consent to the sharing of personal data with an external geo coding company to assist with the assessment of this application.
- I understand that the 1916 Bursary application processor may contact the source(s) of my supporting documentation for verification / clarification purposes.
- I give permission to the 1916 Bursary application processor to use information already provided as part of my CAO / HEAR / DARE application to assist with the assessment of this application.
- I agree to engage as required with the Access Service of my HEI.
- I understand that some of my aggregate and anonymised data will be shared with the Higher Education Institutions for the purposes of operating a central application process.
- I understand that my aggregate and anonymised data will be shared with the funding authority of the 1916 Bursary (Higher Education Authority) and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science).
- The 1916 Bursary is subject to ongoing evaluation and research. I understand that only my aggregate and anonymised data will be used for research and evaluation purposes.
- I agree to provide additional information as required. I understand if I refuse to supply requested additional information, I may be excluded from the bursary application process.

DRAFT / SUBMITTED SERVICES

+ New Service

Draft Services

Submitted Services

Draft Services

Name	Last Edited	
1916 Bursary 2026/27	11/08/2026 09:17:07	

Until the application is fully submitted, it will remain in the Draft Services tab on the dashboard.

+ New Service

Draft Services

Submitted Services

Submitted Services

Name	Submitted On	
1916 Bursary 2026/27	11/08/2026 09:15:34	Edit & Resubmit

Once submitted, it will move to the Submitted Services tab. While the applications window remains open, you may edit and resubmit the form if you made an error on the original form.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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1916bursary.ie



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