



REACH Bursary Scheme - Guidelines for Applicants

Students applying for the 'REACH' Bursary at Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) should consider the following criteria before applying:

Principle

LYIT has established a Bursary Scheme (REACH) to support and facilitate students wishing to complete an undergraduate programme in the academic year 2019/2020. REACH is targeting students who might not progress onto third level due to having a disability or lacking the financial wherewithal to participate.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the award of a bursary, students must:

- Meet the criteria i.e. have a disability or financial limitations for third level education;
- Have applied and be accepted onto an undergraduate programme within LYIT for the academic year 2019/2020.

Basis of Award

The bursary will be awarded to students who meet the eligibility criteria set out above and who successfully complete an interview in June 2018 when the State examinations are over.

Value and Nature of Award

Successful applicants will be offered financials of €800 per annum and additional maths and communications support.

Tenure

The bursary is only available in the year in which it is offered. It may not be deferred.

Condition of Award

If the holder withdraws from the programme for which he/she has registered, he/she will forfeit the bursary.

Application Procedure

- Applications forms will be distributed by the Guidance Counsellor(s) to relevant students;
- The student/applicant should fill-out the application form and include the following:
 - Financial information must be attached to application:
 - If parents are P.A.Y.E. workers please provide a P.21 year ending 31 Dec 2018.
 - If parents are self-employed please provide a certified statement of annual accounts for 2017.
 - If parents are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment please attach a copy of the amount of assistance received from the Local Welfare Office for 2018.
- Signed completed application forms with supporting documentation must be posted and received by Brian McGonagle, Access and Lifelong Learning Co-ordinator, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, no later than **5 pm on Friday, 31st May 2019**. If you require further information contact brian.mcgonagle@lyit.ie

Procedures for Selection of Bursary Students

- **Two** bursaries will be allocated per school with eligible applicants. For larger schools further applications will be accepted on a per capita basis.
- Interviews will take place in June (post State examination) to confirm that candidate meets required criteria.