



The Meenadreen Scholarship Fund 2024 Criteria

About the Scholarship Fund

Energia is delighted to continue their support of the Meenadreen Scholarship Fund, operated by Community Foundation Ireland, into 2024. The fund aims to empower local students by reducing the financial barriers to higher education and by supporting education which contributes to a sustainable future. The Meenadreen Scholarship Fund provides a contribution toward tuition fees and modest living expenses, for College or University students of sustainability-related courses living within 14km of Meenadreen Windfarm.

Who is Eligible?

Eligible applicants must:

- Be either currently enrolled or planning to start an undergraduate or postgraduate course in a college or university on the island of Ireland in September/October 2024.
- Be currently enrolled or planning to start a sustainability-related course (delivered in person or online).
- Be living within 14km of the Meenadreen Windfarm, with preference given to those living within 10km of the Windfarm.
- Be willing to engage with PR or media promotions to highlight the benefit of the fund (e.g., photograph, name and details of course with quote for case study).

What is covered by the Scholarship Fund?

The Energia Meenadreen Scholarship Fund will fund:

- The registration fees for undergraduate courses in all Republic of Ireland public universities up to a maximum of €3,000 per annum.
- The sterling equivalent of up to €3,000 per annum for all undergraduate courses taking place in Northern Ireland.
- Stipend of up to €500 per annum to cover travel/ living expenses for selected applicants.
- Registration fees for postgraduate courses (Masters or PhD) on the island of Ireland. Postgraduate courses may be considered for partial or full funding.

<u>Please note that only first-time undergraduate students will be eligible to apply for this scholarship.</u>

What will the Scholarships not fund?

The Energia Meenadreen Scholarship Fund will not fund:

- Past years of study
- Repeat years of study
- Private/ professional/ short-term training courses.
- Private training providers (excluding private universities).
- Second undergraduate degrees.

Timeline:

Application Window Opens: 8th July 2024

Application Window Closes: 6th August 2024

Applications are Assessed: August 2024

Successful Students are Notified: Early September 2024

Funds are transferred directly to the Mid - September 2024

College or University:

Important Notes:

- This is a competitive process and not all applicants will be funded.
- Only first-time undergraduate students will be eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- Fees will be transferred per year to the college or university upon receiving proof of progression to the next year by the student.
- Scholarships as well as stipends will be disbursed directly to the educational institution, not to individuals.

How to Apply:

To apply for the scholarship, please follow the provided links:

• Click here to apply for the scholarship.