



SIPTU Education and Development Support (Scholarship) Scheme Application Form

SIPTU Education and Development Support (Scholarship) Scheme is one of the cornerstones of our Union's commitment to worker education and empowerment. By promoting the development of trade union activism and supporting our Union's values, the scheme can make a significant contribution to the personal and professional growth of SIPTU members and their families.

An important component of our scheme is the linkage between award winners and the values and objectives of our Union. To develop this linkage, all second level applicants will be required to submit a piece of creative work determined by the category of award they are applying for. Scholarship awards will not only celebrate academic excellence, but will also recognise activism, organising skills, promotion of social justice through arts, music and culture.

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Qualifying criteria for application:

Applicants must be a member of our union for at least one year on the closing date for application. The closing date is 30th September each year. The member must be in benefit at the time of application and if successful, be in benefit when payment of the award is due.

All applications must be made on this completed application form and confirmed by the signature of the applicant's Sector Organiser.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to forward the signed form, either electronically to: scholarships@siptu.ie or to: SIPTU Education & Development Support Scheme, SIPTU College, 9th floor, Liberty Hall, Dublin D01 E5Y3.

The closing date for completed application forms is strictly **30th September**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the fully completed application, including the signature of the Sector Organiser, is returned by the closing date.



The adjudication panel will consider all applications that meet the eligibility and award criteria, which are received by the closing date of 30th September. All awards will be approved by the National Executive Council. No correspondence will be entered into in connection to any application.

Under this scheme, any family fortunate enough to successfully avail of a scholarship award will be ineligible from any future applications; the purpose of this is to spread the opportunity amongst as many members' families as possible.

AWARDS

There are 4 Second Level Categories:

Eligibility for second level awards (except Leaving Cert Applied Award):
Application open to the children of SIPTU members, aged from 12 years to 18 years of age on the 1st July in the year for which the scholarship is sought.

Eligibility for Leaving Cert Applied Award:
Application open to students in the LCA programme, whose parent is a SIPTU member.

Language and Culture Promotion Award (formerly the Gaeltacht Award)

4 per Division - Value €800 per award:
Criteria: Awarded to individuals passionate about promoting Irish language and culture, with submissions in the form of creative works, including videos, poems, essays or podcasts, highlighting their love for and dedication to Irish culture. Award can be used towards Irish College of their choice, the purchase of a traditional musical instrument, music lessons or similar.

Cultural Diversity Award (formerly Migrant Member Language Award)

1 per Division - Value €800 per award:

Criteria: Awarded to individuals passionate about promoting their heritage, language and culture, with submissions in the form of creative works, including videos, poems, essays or podcasts, highlighting their love for and dedication to their heritage. Award can be used towards a language school of their choice, the purchase of a traditional musical instrument, music lessons or similar.

Activism Scholarship Award (formerly Second Level Award)

5 per Division - Value €800 per award:
Criteria: Awarded to individuals passionate about promoting positive social change within their school or community. Applicants must submit a well thought out plan for an activism project, emphasising its alignment with SIPTU's values, its potential impact and its feasibility. These projects can be tied in with the formal school curriculum, such as via CPSE Action Projects for example.

Leaving Certificate Applied Award (LCA)

1 per Division - Value €800 per award
Criteria: Awarded to individuals based on their dedication to and participation in positive social justice causes, within their educational environment or within their wider community. Applicant must submit an essay, poster, video or other creative submission to highlight why they merit this award.

There is 1 Third Level Category:

Third Level Award for Labour Related Studies (formerly Third Level Award)

1 per Division.

There will be 5 awards available –The value of each award will be €1,000 renewable for up to four years for those who maintain their commitment to labour related studies and SIPTU involvement.

Eligibility: Application open to SIPTU members pursuing third-level education in the fields related to worker's rights, equality studies, industrial relations and the wider labour movement.

Criteria: Awards based on the relevance of the course to the student's personal development, employment and commitment to SIPTU'S values and objectives. Applicants should apply in writing, highlighting their suitability for consideration, and outline how they will apply the learning from the course to their work as a trade unionist, or how their research will benefit the union movement and verification of these benefits will be sought from members on the completion of their course.



APPLICANT DETAILS

Surname:

First name:

Address:

Email:

Phone no.

Union number:

Employer's name:

Employers address:

SIPTU Sector/ Division:

Position in our union (activist, shop steward; sector committee, divisional committee etc):

Length of union membership:

If the application is for a daughter or son in relation to a second level award, please give details:

Name:

Date of birth:

- Please indicate the award you are applying for:
- Language and Culture Promotion Award (formerly Gaeltacht award)
 - Cultural Diversity Award (formerly Migrant Member Language Award).
 - Activism Scholarship Award (formerly Second Level Award)
 - Leaving Certificate Applied Award (LCA)
 - Third Level Award for Labour Related Studies (formerly Third Level Award)

Confirmed by Sector Organiser (signature): _____
Date: _____