# *The Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation Bursary Scheme*

The Board of the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation has established a bursary scheme in Martin’s name and in line with the objectives set out in the Foundation’s Memorandum of Articles and Association.

The bursary is an educational and employment scheme open to all who meet the criteria, on the island of Ireland.

The bursary is designed to contribute towards education and training costs and while the Foundation would like to support every application, this is likely to be prohibitive within available resources.

Therefore, given Martin’s lifelong focus on equality, preference will be given to applicants who face the greatest obstacles when seeking to access third level education, vocational training or employment.

Bursaries of £500 - £1000 will be awarded to successful applicants.

Applications must be returned to the Foundation no later than 12 noon on 12th June 2025.

**Previous recipients of an award cannot apply for a second award.**

**Mandatory Eligibility Criteria**

* Applications for the bursary scheme will be open to anyone resident in Ireland.
* Applicants must be at least 18 years of age on 1st July 2025.

**Additional Criteria**

Please note that the additional criteria listed below is not exhaustive. Applicants are not required to meet all additional criteria listed below but it is preferable to meet at least two.

\*\*Please state how you meet any of the criteria below in your Personal Statement in Section 6\*\*

* those most socially and economically disadvantaged;
* those with intellectual difficulties;
* those with a disability;
* those with a caring responsibility;
* a lone parent;
* a traveller; or
* refugee student.

Priority will be given to those meeting the additional criteria set out above and who are studying or working in the fields of peace building and the promotion of human rights.

Applicants attending an educational institute in the North or in the Britain will be required to show that:

* If full time student, you are eligible for a FULL student loan and fee loan;
* If a part time student that you are in receipt of benefits; **(200 hours tuition per annum is the minimum qualifying period for those studying part-time)**
* That you are preparing to study or are currently studying at a further or higher education institute.

Applicants attending an educational institute in the South will be required to show that they qualify for:

* A Maintenance Grant; and
* A Fee Grant.

All applicants must produce evidence of:

* Being enrolled on a course; and
* Be at least 18 years of age on 1st July 2025;
* Recipients who fail to complete a course of study will be required to pay back all or part of the award.

Applicants seeking support to help them into employment, e.g. work tools or specialised clothing will need to be able to demonstrate that they have an employer willing to employ them and that the tools/clothing are required for the job.

**Additional Information**

* The bursary is not available to current students who are repeating part or all of an academic year unless this has been formally agreed on the basis of personal or medical circumstances.
* Recipients who fail to complete a course of study will be required to pay back all or part of the award.
* Recipients are asked to complete a six-monthly report for organisers and sponsors.
* Recipients are requested as far as possible to participate in the publicity surrounding the programme.

 **IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS**

1. **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**(Please ensure valid e-mail address as this will be used to receipt your application)**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tick as appropriate: Employed Full Time Employed Part Time

 Unemployed Other

For Official Use Only: Applicant Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL COURSE/EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING BURSARY

## (Current or intended)

Tick as appropriate: Current Student[[1]](#footnote-2): New Student:

 Further Education: Higher Education:

 Vocational Employment

Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is your Course/Employment: Full-time Part-time

Start Date of Course/Employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End Date of Course/Employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Year of Study/Employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Course/Employment (yrs.):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/College/Training/Educational or Employment Establishment:

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1. **EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Post Primary School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate GCSEs, Junior Leaving Cert, A-levels, Leaving Cert and other accredited/non-accredited courses obtained to date (if any).

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## 4. FINANCE

Have you applied to, or received finance from, any other organisation towards your course of study.

Receiving financial support from another organisation, or family financial position will not exclude you from receiving a bursary from the Foundation.

Preference will be given to applicants who face the greatest obstacles when seeking to access third level education, vocational training or employment.

Yes No

If Yes please give brief details:

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1. **USE OF PEACE FOUNDATION BURSARY**

Outline below the ways in which the Peace Foundation Bursary will help you undertake your Further, Higher Education, Training or employment course e.g., purchase of books, equipment, rent costs, travel costs, living costs, childcare, tools etc.

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**6. PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please describe briefly any barriers or hardship that may prevent you from reaching your full potential in your course of study, training or employment. Please refer to Additional Criteria on Page 2.

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**7**. Why do you want to pursue your chosen course of education, training or employment?

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**8**. In what way, if any, do you feel your course/employment and this Peace Foundation Bursary can contribute to peace building and the promotion of human rights.

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**Please complete the check list below**

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| ***Mandatory Eligibility Criteria***  | **Please tick where appropriate**  |
| Applicants must be resident in Ireland. |  |
| Applicants must be preparing to study or be currently studying on a full-time or part-time further education, higher education or vocational training course or seeking employment. |  |
| Applicants must be at least 18 years of age on 1st July 2022. |  |
| Chosen Course and Award will contribute to peace building and the promotion of human rights. |  |
| ***Additional Criteria*** |  |
| socially and economically disadvantaged |  |
| intellectual difficulties |  |
| a disability |  |
| a caring responsibility |  |
| a lone parent |  |
| a traveller |  |
| a refuge |  |
| Other (Please Specify) |  |
| I have stated how I meet the additional criteria above in my Personal Statement in Section 7 |  |

**Please Sign the Declaration below**

## 9. DECLARATION

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into effect on 25 May 2018, requires us to have your written consent to hold your personal information within our records. Your information will be used by the Peace Foundation to process your application, and to ensure that the bursary sponsor is content that you receive their Bursary. Your information will be retained by the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation for a one year period.

I consent to the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation holding details provided in this form 

I consent that information provided will be shared with the relevant Peace Foundation Bursary Award sponsor 

I confirm that all information provided on this form and that any supporting documentation is correct to the best of my knowledge. 

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Please return completed application forms, no later than 12 noon on Thursday 12th June 2025 in person, via post or to the e-mail address given below;

Paul Kavanagh

Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation

Peace Foundation Bursary Initiative

Admin Block

Iona Business Park

Southway

Derry BT48 9AH

07718495245

polkavanagh@gmail.com

**Important Information: -**

* Please ensure that adequate postage is paid on applications returned by post.
* Please ensure you have completed all sections of the application and included all relevant information.
* Decisions made by members of an independent assessment panel will be dependent solely on the information provided in the application form.
* **If email receipt for submitted applications is not received within 5 working days of your submission, please contact the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation Board (details above).**
1. Please set out in your Personal Statement, Section 6, the personal or medical circumstances for the repeat of all or part of repeat of academic year including the formal agreement with the institution involved. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)