

New Horizons Education Bursary 2026

1. Terms and Conditions

The applicant shall be deemed to accept and to agree to abide by the following terms and conditions:

- 1.1 Submission of an application to the New Horizons Education Bursary constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions, which shall include any instructions which may be separately or subsequently provided by Tuath Housing.
- 1.2 Application Assessment Criteria
 - I. The most up-to-date annual rent review must be provided and assessed.
 - II. The rent account must be in advance or no more than 2 weeks in arrears.
 - III. There should be no open or pending cases with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB), residents must not be involved in any dispute process or tenancy violations.
- 1.3 Eligibility and Application Limits
 - I. Each household may have up to two applicants per year, with only one application allowed per person.
 - II. Applicants must be tenants or authorised approved occupants of Tuath Housing, including residents living in 'Cost Rental' properties.
 - III. Applications for the Education Bursary are accepted during two designated periods each year, depending on funding availability.
 - IV. Applicants who are eligible to receive funding from Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) or already have other sources of funding from bursaries, scholarships, or awards are not eligible to apply for the New Horizons Education Bursary.
 - V. The judging panel aims to make a decision within four weeks after the application window closes, provided all necessary information has been submitted.
- 1.4 Applicants must be 18 years old or over at the time of applying for the bursary.
- 1.5 If English is not your first language or if you require additional support with the application process, please contact our office for assistance.
- 1.6 The application form for the bursary is available on the Tuath Housing website: <https://tuathhousing.ie/tuath-education-bursary>. Applicants may also request a paper copy by contacting newhorizons@tuathhousing.ie. Completed applications can be submitted by post to: New Horizons Education Bursary, Tuath Housing, 1 Empress Place, Summerhill North, Co. Cork, T23 N73P.

- 1.7 Entries that are altered, amended, or damaged are invalid. Proof of making an entry does not constitute proof of receipt. No responsibility will be accepted for entries lost, damaged, or delayed.
- 1.8 Successful applicants will be notified via email; therefore, a valid email address and phone number are to be included with your application. If you have submitted your application form by post, alternative arrangements will be made to notify you.
- 1.9 Tuath Housing expressly reserves the sole discretion and right to alter the eligibility criteria or other application rules, judging criteria/process and / or timelines in such manner as it sees fit at any time including, without limitation, to the right to extend the application.
- 1.10 All decisions made by the New Horizons Education Bursary panel are final and based on established criteria. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact us.
- 1.11 Any failure on the part of Tuath Housing to exercise or enforce any right or provision of these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other term or condition hereunder, or a subsequent breach of such term or conditions.
- 1.12 Tuath Housing, at its absolute and sole discretion, may decide not to make an award.
- 1.13 The New Horizons Education Bursary and the Terms and Conditions will be governed by Irish law and any dispute will be determined by the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts.
- 1.14 Progression and Continuing Support
- i. Returning applicants may reapply if progressing to the next year of study.
 - ii. Proof of academic progress (e.g., transcripts or course confirmation) is required.
 - iii. Applicants who do not progress without providing a valid justification may not receive further funding
 - iv. Reapplications are assessed alongside new applicants and subject to budget availability.

2. Payment of Bursary

- 2.1 Each application will be assessed based on the outlined criteria. While funding is limited, we strive to assist as many applicants as possible within the available

budget. The approved amount may be lower than the requested amount. Successful applicants may receive up to €2000, contingent upon confirmation of their course acceptance

2.2 Evidence of acceptance on the chosen course, as identified in the proposal of the successful applicant, must be provided to Tuath Housing before the educational bursary is paid.

2.3 Course payment will be made directly to the course provider.

2.4 When Tuath Housing pays the course fees, the contract is established between the college and the applicant, not Tuath Housing. Tuath Housing's responsibility is solely to process the agreed course payment. If unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, applicants must contact the college directly.

3. Applicant Responsibilities

3.1 If you are approved for funding, you are required to complete and submit the Tuath Housing New Horizons Education Bursary data consent form. This form will be sent to you upon approval and must be returned along with all other required documents for the Education Bursary

3.2 Successful applicants' name and course information will be used by Tuath Housing for the purposes of publicity and marketing.

3.3 Successful applicants are invited to be involved in publicity relating to the award, run by Tuath Housing and/or media partners.

3.4 Should you feel comfortable and willing, you may be invited to prepare an article for a general audience. This article may be published on the Tuath Housing website and in the monthly Tenant Engagement News Bulletin.

4. Other responsibilities

4.1 The applicant must make themselves available to respond to the New Horizons Education

4.2 Bursary Committee's queries at the relevant stages of this application process.

4.3 All expenses of application to and participation in the New Horizons Education Bursary are the sole responsibility of the applicant.

4.4 The applicant expressly acknowledges and agrees as a condition of entry, that recipients of the Tuath Housing New Horizons Education Bursary shall

- I. Agree to repay any funds received if any information is falsified during or after the application process
 - II. When submitting an application, applicants are required to confirm that they have read and understood Section 4 Data Protection.
- 4.5 By submitting this application form, you acknowledge and consent to Tuath Housing using the provided information solely for processing your application for the New Horizons Education Bursary.
- 4.6 Successful applicants are required to complete an end-of-year evaluation report to assess the impact of the bursary and ensure compliance with its objectives.

5. Data Protection

- 5.1 Tuath Housing respects individuals' right to privacy and processes personal data securely and confidentially in accordance with data protection legislation.
- 5.2 When submitting an application, applicants are required to confirm that they have read and understood this privacy statement.
- 5.3 For the purposes of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679) (GDPR), Tuath Housing is a data controller for the New Horizons Educational Bursary.
- 5.4 Tuath Housing processes all personal data in accordance with the governing legislation (The Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR).
- 5.5 Tuath Housing adhere to the following principles when processing data: lawfulness, fairness and transparency, purpose limitation, data minimisation, accuracy, storage limitations, integrity and confidentiality and accountability.
- 5.6 Tuath Housing may share personal data provided in your application with the New Horizons Education Bursary judging Panel and with specific education and training sector members (as determined by your application) for the purpose of processing your grant application.
- 5.7 Tuath Housing will not retain data for any longer than is necessary. If your application is successful, Tuath Housing will retain your information as follows:
- I. Application Form – One year following the conclusion of the course
 - II. Bursary Awards – 7 years, as required under financial regulations
 - III. Publicity information including a summary of your project – indefinitely, for archiving purposes
- 5.8 If your application is unsuccessful, Tuath Housing will delete it within six months

of the completion of the application process.

- 5.9 Tuath Housing take appropriate measures against unauthorised access to, or alterations, disclosure or destruction of the data and against accidental loss or destruction.
- 5.10 Personal data will not be shared with other persons without your specific consent or if necessary to meet our legal obligations.
- 5.11 A consent form is included to seek your permission to use your personal data for publicity purposes. Please ensure you complete and return this form with other relevant documents once you have been approved for the education bursary.
- 5.12 Individuals have a number of rights under Data Protection Legislation. This includes access to your personal data. A full list of your rights is available in Tuath Housing's Data Protection Policy. Tuath Housing's privacy policy may be viewed at <https://tuathhousing.ie/privacy-policy>
- 5.13 If you have any queries about how your data is being processed, please contact Tuath Housing's Data Protection Officer by email: dpo@tuathhousing.ie by phone: 01-6761602 or by writing to: Data Protection Officer, Tuath Housing, 33 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 D02 KD68.