

Criteria for Application 2024

1. The purpose of the award is to facilitate achievement by aspiring individual performers who have the ability and potential to bring recognition and success at National and International level to Mayo.
2. Applicants must be natives of County Mayo.
3. Awards are granted to individual sports people who have shown ability in their sport and possess the potential to achieve excellence.
4. The applicant must satisfy the academic criteria for entry into their chosen field of study.
5. The award is designed to assist in the cost of education, training, travel and equipment.
6. The award will normally only be made to those over 16 years of age in the calendar year in which the award is made. Exceptions to this may be made in the case where a sports person is competing at National, International or an equivalent level as determined by the chosen sport.
7. The recipient shall be required to demonstrate that the award has been properly used.
8. The Martin Sheridan Bursary Committee shall be entitled to recover the award should it be established that it has not been used in an appropriate fashion as detailed on the Bursary Application.

9. The Martin Sheridan Bursary Committee shall retain the right to review the terms of the Bursary on an annual basis.
10. The Bursary may only be applied for once.
11. Recipients of the award must make themselves available for photo sessions and other promotional events with and on behalf of Mayo County Council.
12. Each Bursary will be assessed on an individual basis by the Martin Sheridan Bursary Committee.
13. Applicants will be short listed and may be interviewed as part of the selection process.
14. Awardees must declare all other sponsorships.
15. An application for the Bursary must be made by a third party i.e. a Sporting Club or Organisation. Only one nomination can be made by each Club or Organisation.
16. A total of up to 5 awards may be made by the Bursary Committee. One of these will be for a person with special needs. Applications are open to both male and female athletes from any sporting field.
17. Four (4) copies of the completed application and all attachments must be submitted. Failure to complete all relevant sections of the application and submission of the required copies may render the application invalid for consideration. Please do not forward any original paperwork as all applications will be destroyed once selection takes place.
18. The decision of the Martin Sheridan Bursary Committee will be final.

Canvassing or attempts to canvas to try and influence the outcome for an application that come to the attention of the Committee will render the application null and void.