



Sr Mary Brogán Academic Scholarship Applicant Information 2023-2024

This document will offer you more information about the scholarship programme and support the completing of your application form.

What is a Sr Mary Brogán Academic Scholarship?

The Sr Mary Brogán Academic Scholarship, which is funded by the Cairde Brogán Foundation, provides financial support to high achieving past pupils of St. Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore. In the 2023-2024 academic year there will be a maximum of two Sr Mary Brogán Academic Scholarship awarded, one offering financial aid to the sum of £4,710 and the other to the sum of £1,000 to support the payment of undergraduate or postgraduate degree tuition fees.

What is the rationale behind the Scholarship?

Sr Brogán lived and worked in St. Joseph's for more than 50 years and was renowned for the true care she had for all her pupils. Long after pupils had left the school Sr Brogán continued to follow their progress and showed a keen interest and revelled in their achievements. It is only fitting, therefore, that this academic scholarship continues the legacy of Sr Brogán by showing an interest in and supporting pupils after they leave St. Joseph's. At St. Joseph's we believe in the power of community and earnestly seek to build lasting links and mutually supportive relationships with past pupils.

Who is eligible to apply?

The Scholarship is not means tested and is open to all past pupils of St. Joseph's Grammar School who are entering the **final year of their undergraduate degree** or are wishing to complete **post graduate study**. **Applications will only be accepted from past pupils who will be in the final year of their undergraduate degree in the 2023-2024 academic year or who will complete post graduate study in the 2023-2024 academic year.** It is expected that in return for receiving a scholarship, the successful applicant(s) will use their skills and experience to devise and deliver a project to support the development of current students in St. Joseph's Grammar School. This can take various forms and applications will be assessed on the measurable contribution Scholars can demonstrate they have the ability to make. It is important that applicants are able to demonstrate clearly, at both application and interview stage, the impact their project will have. **The successful applicant(s) must formally commit to making themselves available to visit the school at key points throughout the 2023-24 year in order to manage your project successfully.**

What is the application process?

There are two stages to the application process. The first stage involves the completion of an application form and the second involves a formal, in person interview which will be held in St. Joseph's Grammar School Donaghmore. In the event the Board receives a large number of applications, shortlisting will apply to ensure the interview process is manageable. It is important to be aware that the Board will be unable to call all applicants to interview.

The Cairde Brogán Board will base their decision solely on the information contained within the application form and will be unable to make assumptions based on the information contained on the form.

Stage 1

Application forms will be reviewed and scored by the Cairde Brogán Board. The Board will score the application forms using the following criteria:

The extent to which:

- the applicant convinces the panel, through examples from their achievements/ experience/ ambitions, that they are deserving of a Sr Mary Brogán Academic Scholarship;
- the goals of the project are clearly defined (What will the project achieve? Why is this project important? How will the project benefit the students?);
- the project clearly aligns with the development needs of the students in St. Joseph's Grammar School;
- clear deliverables, with dates, are given (what exactly will the project involve? what are the different stages? what experiences will the students receive? what exactly will you do and when?);
- clear explanation of how the impact of the project will be monitored and evaluated (how will you know the project is being successful? what will a successful project look like? What checkpoints/ milestones will you use to measure impact? dates and activities to measure should be included);
- the plan is determined to be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time framed.

Stage 2

Shortlisted applicants will be called to interview in St. Joseph's Grammar School Donaghmore. It is important to note that a condition of being awarded a Scholarship will be you delivering a project in school. Therefore, you will need to be physically in Donaghmore at regular points throughout the year.

When is the deadline for applications?

The deadline for applications for the 2023-2024 academic year is 21st March 2023 at 5pm. Completed applications should be emailed to amcall270@c2ken.net

Guidelines for completing application form.

This form must not be altered in any way and should be completed in Times New Roman (minimum size 10).