



Sport Scholarship Booklet

NEW 2024

Information on University Scholarships

Dear Students,

Please find below information regarding Scholarships in Irish Universities. Please note that the availability of Volleyball Scholarships is not guaranteed and changes from year to year. The following universities provide sports scholarships, which may or may not include volleyball in any given year. If you need any further information, please contact the relevant University or Conor at cdo@volleyballireland.com to discuss.

Scholarships are not limited to the colleges highlighted below but this booklet aims to draw attention for our younger athletes to consider scholarship opportunities here in Ireland.

We would encourage all students looking ahead to the 2025/26 academic year, to start engaging with universities for additional information now.

Highlighted at the back of this book are the experiences of volleyballers that have recently been awarded scholarships. Should you wish to speak to them in more detail about their application process until today, we will try to arrange that. Please contact lina@volleyballireland.com

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*The information contained within this booklet was gathered from individual university websites on 16/10/2024

Dublin

*** new dates are not out yet for 2025/26**

Name: **University College Dublin**
Belfield,
Dublin 4.



Phone: +353 1 716 3105

Info: [Scholarships - UCD Ad Astra Academy](#)

***Closing date - for entry in September 2024 was 31st January 2024**

Name: **Maynooth University**
Co. Kildare



Phone: (01) 7083824 Contact Paul Davis, Sports Officer for further details. paul.davis@mu.ie

Info: [Sport Scholarships | Maynooth University](#)

***Deadline to apply is April 1st annually**

Name: **Technological University Dublin**



Campuses: Grangegorman, Aungier Street, Bolton Street, Blanchardstown, Tallaght

Phone: 087 298 5849 Niamh O'Callaghan

Info: [Sports Scholarships | TU Dublin](#)

***Closing date for receipt of applications was 5pm 1st of May 2025 at.**

Name: **Trinity College Dublin**



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Phone: 01 6081724

Website: [Sport - Trinity Sport | Trinity College Dublin \(tcd.ie\)](https://www.tcd.ie/sport)

Info: <https://www.tcd.ie/sport/performance-sport/scholarships/>

Name: **Dublin City University,**
DCU sports complex,
Glasnevin,
Dublin 9.



Phone: 01 70058111 (Contact: John)

Website: www.dcu.ie

Name: **Dublin Business School**



Phone: +353 (0) 1 4177500

Info: [DBS Sports Scholarship Programme](#)

***The closing date for application was 4pm August 2nd, 2024.**

Name: **Dublin City University**



Phone: Tel: 01 700 5811 yvonne.mcgowan@dcu.ie

Info: [Sport Scholarships at DCU | Dublin City University](#)

***The closing date for receipt of applications was 5.15pm 1st of May 2024**

Cork

Name: **National University of Ireland- Cork**



Phone: 021 4903000

Website: [Latest News | University College Cork \(ucc.ie\)](https://ucc.ie)

***Please note application form has to be returned by 7th May 2024**

Name: **MTU Cork Campus**
Bishopstown, Cork, Ireland. T12 P928



Phone: +353 (0)21 432 6100

Email: infoCork@mtu.ie

Info: [Cork Campus Sports Scholarships | Munster Technological University - MTU](#)

Applications for 2025/2026 will reopen mid-August 2025

Galway

Name: **National University of Ireland Galway,**
University Road,
Galway.



Contact: feargal.ocallaghan@universityofgalway.ie

Info: [Elite Sport – University of Galway](#)

Name: **MTU Kerry Campus.**



Phone: +353 (0)66 7145644, Jennifer Healy, Sports Officer

Website: www.mtu.ie

Info: [Kerry Campus Sports Scholarships | Munster Technological University – MTU](#)

Athlone

Name: **Technological University of the Shannon Athlone Campus**
University Road, Athlone
Co. Westmeath
N37 HD68



Phone: + 353 (0)90 6468222, TUS Athlone Sport & Recreation Manager gordon.brett@tus.ie

Website: www.tus.ie

Info: [Athlone Sports Scholarships – TUS](#)
[Midwest Sports Scholarships – TUS](#)

Dundalk

Name: **Dundalk Institute of Technology**

Dublin Road
Dundalk



Phone: 042 937 0244 derek.crilly@dkit.ie

Info: [DkIT Sports Scholarships - Be Your Very Best / Scholarships / Student Fees, Grants and Scholarships / DkIT - Dundalk Institute of Technology](#)

Limerick

Name: **Technological University of the Shannon**

Moylish Campus
Moylish Park
Limerick
V94 EC5T



Phone: +353 61 293000

Website: www.tus.ie

Info: [Midwest Sports Scholarships - TUS](#)

SETU South East Technological University

Name: Waterford Campus +353 818 121212
Carlow Campus +353 59 91 75000
Wexford Campus +353 53 9185800
Wicklow Campus +353 0404 67125



Phone: +353 (0) 818 121212

Website: www.setu.ie

Info: [SETU | Sport Scholarships](#)

Galway, Mayo, Sligo, and Donegal in the West of Ireland.

Name: Letterfrack, Co. Galway, Ireland Tel: +353 (0)91 742650
Shore Rd., Killybegs, Co. Donegal, Ireland Tel: +353 74 918600
Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland Tel: +353 (0)74 918 6000
Dublin Road, Galway City, Ireland Tel: +353 (0)91 753161
Wellpark Road, Monivea Road, Galway Tel: +353 (0) 91 770661
Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland Tel: +353 (0)94 – 9025700
Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, Ireland Tel: +353 (0)90 9679205
Ash Lane, Co. Sligo, Ireland Tel: + 353 (0)71 91 55222
Clogherevagh, Lough Gill, Co. Sligo, Ireland Tel: +353 (0)71 9143580



Website: www.atu.ie Contact: sport@atu.ie

Info: [Sports Scholarships - How to Apply |](#)

***Round 1 Closing date for applications is 03 April 2024.**

***Round 2 Closing date for applications is 05 June 2024**

***Round 3 (Final) Closing date for applications is 04 October 2024**



Volleyball Scholarship Success Stories

AMY O'SULLIVAN



The main reason I chose the University of Galway was for my course, Biomedical Science, but one of the main things that attracted me to the scholarship was the 40 points it adds to your CAO, that definitely helps take some of the pressure off of exams and results. The scholarship also gives me a full gym membership at the kingfisher, nutrition and strength and conditioning support, full coverage for a physiotherapist and sports psychologist, UoG sports merch, and €1000 paid over two semesters. What I found most useful throughout the year was definitely the sports psychologist! When I was applying for the scholarship I needed letters of recommendation from school and volleyball, and also reference contacts. For volleyball I asked Gary Stuart for the letter and Mark Delahunty for the reference contact. For anyone from squads applying I would definitely say to put their head coach for squads as a contact as it looks good on the application, and don't be shy when it comes to listing achievements and awards when they ask you for it in the application.

For the interview process they are also very interested in the academic side of it so I would say to make sure you know which course you want to do and why, and that you have a long term vision for your studies, not just volleyball! The rest of the interview they asked me about how I started with volleyball and my journey with it, and goals for progressing while at university.

GRACE MOLONEY



My name is Grace Moloney, and I am a second-year sport scholar in Trinity College Dublin. I have a keen interest in volleyball and for the six years of my secondary school education I played in St. Marys College in Naas. During this time, I was selected to represent Ireland on the under 15, under 17, under 19 and Senior National Irish Squads.

Having a keen interest in chemistry and a desire to study a science related degree, I decided to apply for the pharmacy degree in Trinity College. This decision was also influenced by the fact that Trinity College has a very dynamic and progressive sport scholarship programme. I applied for a sport scholarship in Trinity in April of 6th year.

My completed application form was supported by a sporting reference from the CEO of Volleyball Ireland. This scholarship programme enables students to balance their academic and sporting commitments through a structured network of support services and expertise. It has also greatly benefited me by offering supports in strength and conditioning, physiotherapy, nutrition, and access to the high-performance gym. The continued support that I receive from the Trinity Scholarship programme affords me the opportunity to achieve my academic and sporting goals. It is great to have the support of a team who understand how difficult it can be to balance sport and education.

LAURA CONNOLLY




I am so grateful to have a sports scholarship with TUD, it has made my transition from school to college a lot easier. There are so many benefits of having a scholarship; Obviously there is a huge financial benefit which really helped me this year as it can be hard to find the time to work in between trainings and matches. However, the scholarship also offers a lot more benefit. TUD provides gym memberships, a physio, nutritionist and strength training, these are all incredible benefits to have at your disposal. One particular thing that I personally found extremely useful was the academic mentor, this allowed me to have someone that could help me if I was away for matches/training and might have to miss an exam/deadline. This was a huge weight off my shoulders as I began my first year

CIAGAN DAVOREN



My name is Ciagan Davoren. I play volleyball for the national indoor and beach teams. I was granted a scholarship at TUDu which allowed me to be subject to a wide variety of benefits. These benefits include, membership to the college gym, nutritionists, physiotherapists, along with numerous other benefits. I was also granted a donation of 2 thousand from the college in order to assist me in my student-athlete career. I would greatly advise anyone to put their best foot forward to receive a scholarship as it has greatly impacted my academic and sporting year.

LARA MCNICHOLS



Hi, I'm Lara, a final-year student of English and History at Trinity College Dublin (TCD), and an Outside Hitter on the TCD Women's Volleyball Team. My journey through university has been shaped by my passion for volleyball, a sport I started playing at 16—but it quickly became a huge part of my life. When I was choosing a university, TCD's strong reputation in women's volleyball, particularly in the premier league, was a major draw for me. Volleyball wasn't just a hobby; it was something I wanted to pursue seriously. In my first year, I had the privilege of representing Ireland in beach volleyball, and by my second year, I joined the indoor women's national team. One of the most rewarding aspects of my time at TCD has been receiving a Sport Scholarship. This program has provided vital support, helping me balance the demands of academics, sports, and work. Juggling all three can be challenging, but having the scholarship eased that pressure and allowed me to thrive in all areas of my university life. Beyond volleyball, TCD's academic opportunities have opened doors for me internationally.

Having taken Japanese for my Leaving Certificate, I joined the UTokyo Women's Volleyball Team—a talented and welcoming group of players. Together, we competed in one of Japan's most prestigious tournaments, the 七大戦 (Seven Universities Tournament), which features Japan's oldest and most respected universities. Our team came second overall, and I was incredibly honored to be named Best Outside Hitter. Volleyball has given me opportunities and experiences I never imagined—from competing internationally to making lifelong friends from around the world. Whether you're considering university for academics, sports, or a combination of both, I can't recommend enough embracing the challenges and opportunities that come your way. You never know where your passions might take you

PETER MCGLYNN

After being accepted into University of Galway in 2021, I was hopeful that I would receive a sports scholarship. Unfortunately I was unsuccessful at the time, volleyball was not a prevalent sport in the college and there had been no previous volleyball scholarship students. However I stuck with it, the sport grew in the university, and we eventually ended up winning inter-varsities in my second year. This led to me receiving a sports scholarship in my third year. The typical path for successfully getting a scholarship consists of an application and an interview. However in my case, the sports unit in University of Galway saw my contributions to the sport for both the University and for the national team, and awarded me the scholarship. The sports scholarship has provided me with a grant each semester, free use of the university gym, and access to a number of different supports including physiotherapy and S&C coaching. This support has allowed me to pursue volleyball at a much better level, and eventually led to me winning the University of Galway Sportsperson of the Year award this year.

