

Derrinlough Wind Farm

Educational Scholarship Scheme 2026 Terms & Conditions



Definitions

Applicant means a resident in the Property who has provided evidence of a valid course of study equivalent or exceeding National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) Level 6 or above.

Benefits means the contribution to education costs of the Applicant.

Company means Derrinlough Wind Farm DAC.

Property means the occupied principal private residence of the applicant which is located up to 5km from the nearest turbine at Derrinlough Wind Farm, Co. Offaly, the location of which is identified with an Eircode.

Scholarship means Derrinlough Wind Farm DAC Educational Scholarship Scheme.

Term has the meaning as defined in the Letter of Offer.

General

1. The Scholarship will include a monetary grant to the value of €2,500 for each year of study, up to a maximum of 4 years, for a number of successful applicants living in the vicinity (up to 5km) of Derrinlough Wind Farm.
2. The Scholarship can be used to assist successful applicants with further education studies, including course fees, accommodation, tools, transport costs etc.
3. The Scholarship is for the Applicant stated on the Application form only.
4. The Applicants principal primary residence must be identified with an Eircode within 5km of Derrinlough Wind Farm to be eligible for the Scholarship.
5. The successful Applicant is only eligible for the Scholarship for so long as the property outlined in their application is their principal primary residence. Proof of address of the Applicant must be provided.
6. The distance from an Applicant's principal primary residence to the Derrinlough Wind Farm will be measured from the nearest turbine to the Eircode provided in the Application form.
7. The Company will award the Scholarship to successful Applicants for the duration of any NFQ Level 6 and upwards further education course or equivalent, including Apprenticeships.
8. The Scholarship benefits will only be awarded after the Applicant has accepted their course offer and registered on the course. The Applicant must provide evidence that they are studying an approved course by virtue of a letter of registration from the academic institution.
9. The Applicant must complete each academic year and provide proof that they have completed the previous year prior to receiving the next Scholarship payment by virtue of a letter of course registration for each year of study awarded.
10. The Benefits under the Scholarship will run for up to a maximum of 4 consecutive years of study, depending on the duration of your course. If the Company is delayed in or prevented from providing the Applicant with the Scholarship for any reason, then the Company shall be at liberty (in its sole discretion) to cancel or suspend the Scholarship without incurring any liability for any loss or damage arising therefrom (whether in contract, negligence in Tort or otherwise).
11. Applications are welcomed from all courses however bonus points will be awarded to courses which are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related.
12. Applications are welcomed from all courses however bonus points will be awarded to courses which are contributing to Sustainability by demonstrating alignment with the UN (United Nations) Sustainable Development Goals.
13. Deferred Scholarship payments due to postponements of the course will be considered only in exceptional circumstances and all decisions made are at the discretion of the Company.
14. The Scholarship offer, including the Acceptance of Offer form, will be issued to your principal primary residence. The Acceptance of Offer form needs to be signed by the Applicant (in the case of an Applicant lacking capacity, their parent or guardian must sign) and returned in accordance with the timelines prescribed by the Company. If you do not return your Acceptance of Offer form within these timelines, your Offer will lapse, and you may reapply when the Scholarship reopens the following year.
15. The Scholarship amount is determined solely by the Company and may be reviewed and changed by the Company at their discretion at various stages throughout the term of the Scholarship.

16. If the Applicant ceases to be in attendance of the approved course or their principal primary residence changes, or any other change in circumstances arises during the term of the Scholarship, they must notify the Company immediately.
17. In the event of any breach of these Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship and where payment has been received, the Company shall, amongst its remedies, be entitled to demand the complete repayment of the Scholarship awarded.
18. If an Applicant provides the Company with false or misleading information and is considered to have submitted a fraudulent application, then the Company can report this crime to the relevant authorities.
19. All applications will be reviewed by the Derrinlough Wind Farm Scholarship Panel and marked against the evaluation criteria. The Scholarship Panel will be responsible for assessing all applications. All award decisions are final.
20. Scholarship recipients will be expected to attend an Awards Ceremony (date and location to be confirmed) to be formally presented with the Scholarship award and may be required to take part in the promotion of this Scholarship, including but not limited to participation in photography and providing quotations and/or a personal statement for use in promotional material.
21. The Company reserves the right to make reasonable changes to these Terms & Conditions at any time and will advise the Scholarship recipient if this occurs, as and when required.
22. Please note, canvassing or lobbying of any Scholarship Panel member or BnM employee will result in automatic disqualification.
23. The Company reserves the right to verify the information provided by the Applicant with other companies such as but not limited to academic institutions to prevent fraud.
24. Scholarship recipient's personal data (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by Derrinlough Wind Farm DAC and its affiliates for purposes related to the Scholarship.
25. The Company will disclose information about the Applicant to its parent company Bord na Móna Plc and to other subsidiaries of Bord na Móna Plc for purposes connected with the Scholarship.
26. The Company will disclose information about the Applicant to third parties such as the academic institution for the course of study of the Applicant or the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) if the Company is legally obliged to do so or to comply with contractual duties to do so.

Scholarship payments

1. Payments will only be made after Letter of Offer has been signed and returned to Derrinlough Wind Farm DAC along with all supporting Documents required from the Applicant.
2. Payments will only be issued in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Scholarship. The applicant cannot claim payments that exceed the value of the Scholarship Offer.
3. The Scholarship recipient must notify Derrinlough Wind Farm DAC of any changes to their bank details or circumstances relating to their course during the Term.
4. Payments will only be processed once on an annual basis after supporting educational documentation has been reviewed and validated by the Company.
5. No claims will be entertained from third parties who are not recognised by the Company as Applicant(s) in the Scholarship.