



Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
Irish Language Bursary Scheme 2018/2019

Guidance for applicants

Purpose of the Bursary Scheme

To assist individuals to improve Irish Language skills through providing scholarships or bursaries for Irish Language courses, including Gaeltacht colleges, intensive courses and third level courses taking place within the current financial year under consideration (1 April – 31 March).

The bursary will cover course fees only.

Applicants are eligible to apply for 50% of total fees for the course up to a maximum of £300 in total.

The applicant must:

- ) be resident in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area;
- ) in the case of minors, have parental / guardian permission to attend the Irish Language course;
- ) be registered to attend an Irish Language course;
- ) not already have a scholarship from public funds (eg Liofa Bursary);
- ) complete the Irish Language course by attending for its duration;
- ) provide proof of full payment of fees and attendance at the Irish Language course

The application process

Application forms will be available to download from the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council website [www.newrymournedown.org](http://www.newrymournedown.org). This is a rolling scheme. All applicants will be required to supply accurate contact details to enable effective communication regarding the progress of their bursary application.

The Council will make the final decision on the allocation subject to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria. Successful applicants will be informed of the amount of their individual bursary, which will be awarded only upon successful completion of the course and having met the conditions of the letter of offer. While applicants are eligible to apply for 50% of total fees for the course up to a maximum of £300 in total, the amount of individual bursaries will be dependent upon the level of funding available.