



## West Belfast Partnership Board

### ***Aisling Bursaries / Sparántachtaí na hAislinge***

The Aisling Bursaries, launched in March 2000, are an educational initiative delivered by West Belfast Partnership Board. Over the past twenty-one years, £691,500 has been distributed to 858 students from the west of the city. Year on year, individuals, local families and businesses and international organisations contribute Aislings of £500 - £1000 to support students and help students defray the costs of education and training.

The Aisling Bursary Initiative highlights the importance the business community attaches to the development of education and training in West Belfast. Providing financial assistance to students from West Belfast is the main aim of this bursary programme. Some bursaries are specifically for those participating in vocational training.

*All applications are considered, with special consideration given to candidates who have **significant barriers and hardship preventing them from realising their full potential through education**, for example through economic or family circumstances.*

Bursaries of £500 - £1000 will be awarded to successful applicants.

#### **Additional Information**

- Applications are assessed by an independent panel in line with GDPR regulations
- The bursary is not available to current students who are repeating part or all of an academic year unless this has been formally agreed on the basis of personal or medical circumstances.
- Award recipients are required to attend the Aisling Bursary Award presentation ceremony. Date of ceremony to be confirmed.
- Recipients who fail to complete a course of study will be required to pay back all or part of the award.
- Recipients are asked to complete a six monthly report for organisers and sponsors.
- Recipients are requested as far as possible to participate in the publicity surrounding the programme.
- Previous recipients of a bursary/bursaries totalling £1000 cannot re-apply.
- Previous unsuccessful Aisling Bursary applicants are welcome to re-apply.

<b>Mandatory Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Please tick where appropriate</b>
Applicants must be resident in the West Belfast Westminster Parliamentary Electoral Constituency. (Use the following website to check your postcode to confirm parliamentary constituency: <a href="http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/elections-and-voting/constituencies/">http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/elections-and-voting/constituencies/</a> )	
Applicants must be preparing to study or be currently studying on a full-time or part-time further education, higher education or vocational training course.	
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021.	
Chosen Course and Award should contribute to the regeneration of West Belfast	

<b>Additional Criteria</b>	
** Please note that the list below is not exhaustive and applicants are not required to meet all additional criteria listed below but it is preferable to meet at least two.**	
	<b>Please tick where appropriate</b>
Lone Parent	
Disability	
Carer responsibility	
Additional Educational Needs e.g. dyslexia	
Low income family	
First in family to study at 3 <sup>rd</sup> level education	
Mature Student	
Health Issues – Physical/Mental/Emotional	
Conflict legacy issue	
Other (Please Specify)	
I state how I meet the additional criteria in my Personal Statement on <b>Page 4: Section 6</b>	

**\*\*IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS\*\***

**1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please ensure valid e-mail address as this will be used as main method of contact\*\***

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Employed Full Time  Employed Part Time  Unemployed  Other

**2. EDUCATIONAL COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING BURSARY (Current or intended)**

Tick as appropriate: Current Student:  New Student:  Further Education:   
Higher Education:  Vocational

Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Course: Full-time study  Part-time study

Start Date of Course: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date of Course \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of course (yrs.): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/College/Training/Educational Establishment:

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**3. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Post Primary School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate GCSEs, A-levels and other accredited/non-accredited courses obtained to date (if any).

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**FINANCE**

Have you applied to, or received finance from any other organisation towards your course of study?

Yes  No

If yes please give brief details:

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Have you received an Aisling Bursary previously?

Yes  No  If Yes please indicate £500  or £1000

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**USE OF AISLING BURSARY**

Outline below the ways in which this Aisling Bursary will help you undertake your studies (Max 300 words)

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please state how you meet the additional criteria on Page 2. (Max 300 words)

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7. In what way do you feel your course and this Aisling Bursary can contribute to the regeneration of West Belfast?

(Max 200 words)

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## 8. DECLARATION

The 2018 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires us to have your written consent to hold your personal information within our records. Your information will be used by WBPB to process your application, by the independent panel to assess your application, and to ensure that the bursary sponsor is content that you receive their Bursary. Your information will be retained by WBPB for a six month period.

I consent to WBPB holding details provided in this form

I consent that information provided will be shared with the independent judging panel and relevant Aisling Bursary Award sponsor

I confirm that all information provided on this form and that any supporting documentation is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type name if submitting by email)

**Please return completed application form, no later than 4pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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### Important Information:-

- Please ensure that adequate postage is paid on applications returned by post.
- Due to current Covid-19 conditions most contact will be via email. Please ensure contact details including email address are correct. If we are unable to contact you in the event of a successful application the Bursary will be awarded to another applicant.
- Please ensure you have completed all sections of the application and included all relevant information.
- Decisions made by members of an independent assessment panel will be dependent solely on the information provided in the application form.
- If email receipt for submitted applications is not received within 5 working days of your submission, please contact West Belfast Partnership Board (details above).