

## POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR DISABLED/DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

### AONTAS – The national adult learning organisation

<http://www.aontas.com/whatnext/12/supports-for-students-with-disabilities/>

### The NUI Award Scheme for students with disabilities

Awards with a total value of €11,000 are available to new entrant undergraduate students registered for the first year of a primary degree programme of studies, in one of the constituent universities or recognised colleges of the NUI, and who have serious physical disabilities.

More details can also be obtained from the Disability Office in each of the NUI colleges (NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth and University College Cork) or visit [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie).

### Google Europe Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

Google has partnered with EmployAbility, a non-profit organization who assist students with disabilities while they pursue education and careers. Scholarship recipients of the Google Scholarship for Students with Disabilities will each receive a €7,000 scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. Scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of the applicant's academic background, leadership skills and demonstrated passion for Computer Science. For more information please:

<http://www.google.com/studentwithdisabilities-europe/faq.html>

or email: [googlescholarship@employ-ability.org.uk](mailto:googlescholarship@employ-ability.org.uk).

### The NUI O'Brien Bequest Award Scheme for Students with Disabilities

Offered annually; the closing date for applications should be checked on the website

Under this scheme, which is in operation since 1981, awards are provided for new entrant undergraduate students who have serious physical disabilities and who propose to pursue primary degree courses in the National University of Ireland. In 2011, individual awards will be provided to new entrant undergraduate students, who are registering for the first year of a primary degree course of studies, in one of the Constituent Universities or Recognised Colleges of NUI, and who have serious physical disabilities. Applicants are required to submit evidence of their disability with their completed application forms. The value of the awards is dependent on the number of eligible applications received.

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<http://www.nui.ie/awards/grants.asp>

### Department of Education Special Fund for Students with Disabilities

Specifically designed to financially assist third level students with special needs. Administered by the Higher Education Grants Section, Department of Education and Science, Tullamore.

You should apply to this fund through your third level institution in September/October of each year. Contact the Disability Officer, Student Services or the Registrar's office for more information.

**Credit Union Member Scholarships**

Many credit unions in Ireland provide educational grants in their areas. These pertain to students studying at all levels of education. ([www.creditunion.ie](http://www.creditunion.ie))

See more at:

[http://www.gotocollege.ie/going\\_to\\_college/scholarships/specialist\\_scholarships.html#sthash.km8xr7O7.dpuf](http://www.gotocollege.ie/going_to_college/scholarships/specialist_scholarships.html#sthash.km8xr7O7.dpuf)

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