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SSE Airtricity is Northern Ireland's second largest energy utility, supplying greener electricity, natural gas and essential services to over 300,000 homes and businesses. The company is also proud to be Northern Ireland's largest renewable energy generator, providing enough green energy at our wind farm sites to power over 120,000 homes.

The SSE Airtricity Scholarship is a third level scholarship programme funded by the SSE Renewables Regional Fund for Slieve Kirk Wind Park, Tieveennameenta and Greencoat Renewables owned Slieve Divena II Wind Farms.

In February 2020, SSE Renewables sold Slieve Divena II Wind Farm to Greencoat Renewables. Although the wind farm has been sold, SSE Airtricity will continue to operate the annual Regional Fund for Slieve Divena II on behalf of the new owners.

Applications for this year's Scholarship opens Monday 28th September 2020. To apply for The SSE Airtricity Scholarship, please complete this application form. Further information including FAQs can be found on our website at www.sserenewables.com

Scholarship Fund Eligibility

To be considered for The SSE Airtricity Scholarship (funded by the Slieve Kirk Wind Park, Tieveennameenta and Slieve Divena II Wind Farm Regional Fund) applicants must:

- Hold a registered place on the first year of one of the programmes of study as listed in Appendix A for entry into the academic year 2020/21 at Ulster University, North West Regional College or South West College.
- Have a home address in Co. Tyrone, Co. Derry-Londonderry, Co. Fermanagh or Co. Donegal.
- Full Time and Part Time courses are eligible.

Scholarship Fund Criteria

When completing the application form, applicants must:

- Demonstrate excellence in their academic careers to date.
- Demonstrate the potential impact of obtaining a Scholarship on their academic careers at the University/College.
- Demonstrate their professional aspirations and how their studies will help them to achieve these.
- Submit a reference in support of your application. Please note original documents cannot be returned, so please save a personal copy.

Important to note:

- Although applicants are invited from any home address in Counties, Tyrone, Derry-Londonderry, Fermanagh and Donegal priority consideration will be given to applicants who are able to provide evidence of a home address within a 12 mile radius of Slieve Kirk Wind Park, Tieveennameenta Wind Farm and Slieve Divena II Wind Farm.
- The information that you provide in Section Two of this application form is important to the Scholarship Selection Panel, so please include as much information as possible i.e. academic achievements/ results, potential impact of the Scholarship on your studies, and future career aspirations.
- In the event that the applications of multiple candidates for a Scholarship are of the same standard, weighting will be given to applicants who are able to demonstrate financial need. Eligibility will be determined by Ulster University, South West College or North West Regional College.
- You must allow adequate time for posting the application form to the University or College to ensure that it arrives before the deadline, otherwise it will not be considered. The closing date for receipt of completed applications by registered post, with supporting evidence, is Friday 30th October 2020.
- You will be informed of the outcome (successful or unsuccessful) of your application at the end of November, however, due to the high volume of anticipated applications, feedback will not be given.

Appendix A: Courses

Ulster University:

- **The Faculty of Computing and Engineering**
 - MSc Biomedical Engineering
 - MSc Biotechnology
 - MSc Smart Manufacturing
 - BEng Hons Clean Technology
 - BEng Hons Computer Engineering
 - BSc Hons Biomedical Engineering
 - BSc Hons Computer Science
 - BSc Hons Computing Technologies
 - BEng/MEng Hons Electronic Engineering
 - BEng/MEng Hons Mechanical Engineering
 - BEng/MEng Hons Mechatronic Engineering
 - BEng Hons Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
 - BEng Hons Renewable Energy Engineering
 - BEng Hons Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- **Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**
 - MSc Stratified Medicine
 - BSc Hons Environmental Science
 - BSc Hons Environmental Science with Computing
 - BSc Hons Stratified Medicine
- **Ulster University Business School**
 - MSc Management with other specialisms
 - BSc Hons Business with Environmental Science
 - BSc Hons Business Studies with other specialisms

South West College:

- **BSc Honours Degree Level**
 - UU BSc (Hons) in Business Studies - HLAs excluded
- **Foundation Degree Level**
 - UU FdEng in Engineering with Specialisms (Manufacturing Engineering (Mechatronics)) - HLAs excluded
 - UU FD in Architectural Engineering & Energy - HLAs excluded
 - UU FD in Applied & Medical Science - HLAs excluded

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- UU FD in Business Management - HLAs excluded
- UU FD in Construction Engineering with Surveying - HLAs excluded
- UU FD in Engineering in Civil Engineering - HLAs excluded
- UU FD in Science in Computing - HLAs excluded

North West Regional College:

- **Art & Design**
 - HND in Art & Design (Textiles)
 - HND in Art & Design (Art Practice)
- **Built Environment**
 - HNC in Construction with Building and Architecture
 - HNC in Construction (Civil Engineering)
 - Foundation Degree in Architectural Technology
 - Foundation Degree in Construction Engineering with Surveying
 - Foundation Degree in Civil Engineering
- **Computing**
 - Foundation Degree in Information Technologies
 - Foundation Degree in Software Development
- **Engineering**
 - HNC in Engineering (Mechanical)
 - HNC in Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)
 - HNC in General Engineering
 - Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering
 - Foundation Degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- **Media**
 - HND in Digital Design
 - HND in Creative Media Production (Film and Television)
 - HND in Creative Media Production (Journalism)
- **Science**
 - HNC/D in Applied Sciences
 - Foundation Degree in Medical and Applied Sciences

Appendix B: Terms and Conditions

- The Scholarship Panel will consider the application form and reference to determine who will be awarded a Scholarship. Evaluation of applications will be on the basis of academic excellence, demonstration of impact on studies, and future career potential. Financial need will also be considered in the case of multiple applications of the same standard. The Scholarship Panel's decision is final.
- Detailed feedback is not available.
- The duration of the Scholarship will be clearly stated upon confirmation of award and will not be extendable.
- Each Scholarship is for the named person on the application only.
- The Scholarship will be awarded as per a specified schedule following registration of the recipient with Ulster University, South West College or North West Regional College.
- The Scholar must attend a Scholarships & Awards Ceremony (date and location to be confirmed) to be formally presented with the award.
- The Scholarship is to be used in support of course fees and living expenses as per the schedule of payments which will be provided by each institution.
- The Scholarship will be renewed each year subject to satisfactory academic performance and satisfactory level of attendance at lectures.
- The Scholar should commence their programme of study during the academic year of 2020/21. The scholar must complete each module on their first attempt and complete their programme of study within the anticipated timeframe. Authorised postponements will be considered only in exceptional circumstances and for a valid reason which have been submitted to the applicants chosen institution as per their procedure. There is no payment during work placement or gap years.
- The Scholar must take part in the promotion of this Scholarship and may be asked to participate in having their photograph taken and providing a personal statement for use in promotional material. The Scholar's personal data (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by Ulster University, South West College or North West Regional College and will only be shared with SSE Airtricity for purposes related to the Scholarship to the degree necessary to identify recipients with the permission of the applicant.
- The University/College will use the information provided to help assess your application and administer any funding you are awarded. The University/College hold information you provide on this form for the term of your educational course, or a period of no longer than three years if the application is unsuccessful. The information will be used for monitoring purposes, such as reporting and to identify repeat applicants.
- The Scholar agrees to allow the chosen University/College to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) with other parties within their institution as required.
- SSE Airtricity, the University/College reserves the right to investigate and possibly withdraw a person from the Scholarship programme if there is adequate proven evidence of illegal activities discovered.
- The University/College/SSE Airtricity reserves the right to make reasonable changes to this contract at any time and will advise the Scholar if this occurs, as and when required.
- This Scholarship is not open to staff or family related to SSE Airtricity, Ulster University, South West College or North West Regional College.
- If you have already received an undergraduate scholarship in the past, you may still apply for a postgraduate scholarship however weighting will be given to first time applicants.

Section 3: Supporting Information

The following supporting information must be attached and returned with the application form:

1. Please provide proof of home address e.g. a recent utility bill, a copy of your driver's licence.
2. Please provide a letter of reference specifically for this Scholarship. The reference letter should be written by someone who knows the applicant well in either an academic or professional capacity. The referee should provide their views on academic abilities, experience and personal qualities that make the applicant suitable for the Scholarship.

Section 4: Declaration

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct and that I have completed all sections myself. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions listed in Appendix B. I understand that should any part of the information I have provided prove to be incorrect or untrue or if I discontinue my studies SSE Airtricity reserve the right to revoke partially or in full the award amount with 14 days written notice.

Signature Date

Checklist (please tick once completed)

I have completed all sections of the application form

I have attached supporting documentation and reference (originals cannot be returned)

I have read and understood terms & conditions attached



Closing date for receipt of applications forms: 30th October 2020

You will be informed of the outcome of your application post registration by the educational institution you have applied to. Please do not email your application form. **Only applications received by registered post with supporting evidence will be accepted.**

Relevant applications to be submitted to the following School Offices:



Ulster University
The SSE Airtricity Scholarship
Attention: Director - Centre for Engineering and Renewable Energy (CERE)
Senior Lecturer
University of Ulster
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Please send enquiries only to:
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South West College
The SSE Airtricity Scholarship
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The SSE Airtricity Scholarship
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