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Galway Wind Park (GWP) is a joint venture between project partners, SSE Renewables and Greencoat Renewables. Now fully operational, Galway Wind Park is Ireland’s largest onshore wind farm, producing enough renewable energy to power more than 140,000 Irish homes - or every home in Galway city and county.

The GWP Scholarship is a third level scholarship programme funded directly from the renewable energy generated at Galway Wind Park. Applications for this year’s Scholarship open in Monday 12th October 2020. To apply, please complete this application form. Further information including FAQs can be found on our website at www.sserenewables.com/scholarshipfunds

Scholarship Fund Eligibility
To be considered for the GWP Scholarship applicants must:

• Be currently studying or hold an unconditional offer of a place for entry into the academic year 2020/21 at GMIT, NUI Galway or another institution on the island of Ireland.

• Have a home address within 20 kilometres from Galway Wind Park.

Scholarship Fund Criteria
When completing the application form, applicants must:

• Points will be awarded to students depending on the proximity of their home address to the windfarm. Those closest to the wind farm will receive more points

• Applications are welcomed from all courses however bonus points will be awarded to courses which are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related.

• Academic achievements to date and interests/extra circular activities. Please include any relevant information you feel should be considered when assessing your application.

• Submit a reference in support of their application. Please note that original documents cannot be returned, so please save a personal copy. References should be from an employer or academic professional. References from friends and family will not be accepted.

Important to note:

• The information that you provide in Section Two of this application form is important to the Scholarship Selection Panel, so please include as much as possible.

• You must allow adequate time for posting the application form 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 6th November 2020. The address to post your application is listed below.

• 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 further feedback will not be given.
Section 1: Personal Details

Surname..................................................................................................................................................................................

First Name(s)........................................................................................................................................................................

Date of Birth................................................................................................................................................................. Male □ ...... Female □

Home Address (include Eircode)........................................................................................................................................

Telephone No: Home.................................................................Mobile ................................................................................

Email address........................................................................................................................................................................

Student ID Number ............................................................................................................................................................

Programme of study you are enrolling in
(please provide the full name of the course, course code and the duration of the programme) .......................................................

Institution you will be studying at.........................................................
(GMIT, NUI Galway or other)

Start month and year (e.g. September 2020)...............................................................................................
Section 2: Personal Statements - Part 2

In no more than 400 words, please provide information about yourself, your interests, extracurricular activities and any information you feel should be taken into consideration in regards this application:

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**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. References from friends and family will not be accepted.
3. Please tick here if you are already in receipt of alternative funding for your course and state what type ☐

**Section 4: Declaration**

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate and that I have completed all sections myself. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions listed in Appendix A. I understand that should any part of the information I have provided prove to be incorrect or untrue or if I discontinue my studies Galway Wind Park 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 references/documentation (originals cannot be returned) .................................................................................☐
- I have read and understood terms & conditions attached.................................☐

**Closing date for receipt of applications forms:**

**Friday 6th November 2020**

You will be informed of the outcome of your application after 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:

- **GMIT**
  - For GMIT applications please send to: Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
  - The Galway Wind Park Scholarship
  - Office of Academic Affairs, Dublin Road, Galway
  - Please send enquiries only to: StudentReg@gmit.ie

- **NUI Galway**
  - For NUI Galway applications please send to:
  - National University of Ireland, Galway
  - Student Services, Áras ui Chathail
  - The Galway Wind Park Scholarship
  - University Road, Galway
  - Please send enquiries only to: GWP.Communityfund@sse.com

- **Páirc Ghaoithe na Gaillimhe Galway Wind Park**
  - For all other applications across the island of Ireland please send to:
  - Forum Connemara CLG
  - The Galway Wind Park Scholarship
  - Ellis Hall
  - Letterfrack, Galway
  - Please send enquiries only to: galwaywindpark@forumconnemara.ie
Appendix A: Terms and Conditions

- The Scholarship Panel will consider the application based on distance from the wind farm, course choice, application form and reference to determine who will be awarded a Scholarship. 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.
- The Scholar will be expected to 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 or living expenses as per the schedule of payments which will be provided by each institution.
- The Scholarship will be renewed each year to a maximum of three years for undergraduate courses and one year full time or two years part-time for post graduate courses subject to satisfactory academic performance.
- The Scholar should currently be studying or commencing their study during the 2020/21 academic year. 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.
- The Scholar will be expected to take part in the promotion of this Scholarship and may be asked to participate in having their photograph taken and providing quotations and/or a personal statement for use in promotional material. The Scholar’s personal data (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by applicants institution and will only be shared with the GWP Community Fund Team for purposes related to the Scholarship to the degree necessary to identify recipients.
- The institutions will use the information provided with their consent to help aSSE Renewabless your application and administer any funding you are awarded. The institutions 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 institution to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) with other parties within their institution as required.
- The GWP Community Fund Team and the institution 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 institution and GWP Community Fund Team 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 friends or family related to employees of GWP, SSE Renewables, Greencoat or their partners.