

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NUTRITION SCHOLARSHIP

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Through an agri, food and nutrition scholarship programme, Aurivo aims to recognise and reward academic excellence and support young achievers with the desire to develop their career in an agri-related profession.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP YEAR

- Two scholarships are available
- One student will be selected for each of the below scholarships:
 - Gaffney Agriculture, Food & Nutrition scholarship sponsored by Aurivo
 - Mulleady Agriculture, Food & Nutrition scholarship sponsored by Aurivo
- Scholarships will be awarded to students entering an agriculture, food or nutrition-related bachelor's degree programme in an accredited third-level institution
- The award value will be €2,500 for each recipient
- For any queries about the application process, email careers@aurivo.ie

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Scholarship will be provided for any one of the 12 undergraduate Agriculture, Food & Nutrition programmes in UCD or another level 7 or level 8 agri/food related degree programme in an accredited third-level institution
- ✓ Applicant must be a first-time student for a third-level undergraduate course
- ✓ Applicant must have applied to an accredited Irish third level education institution for a programme commencing in 2020/2021 academic year
- ✓ Course must be a bachelor's degree – minimum of Level 7 on the National Qualification Framework
- ✓ Applicant must be from the Aurivo catchment area
- ✓ Scholarship recipients will be required to provide proof of enrolment in an accredited Irish third-level institution for the 2020-2021 academic year
- ✓ Employees of Aurivo and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply
- ✓ Scholarship recipients must show a high standard of academic achievement and will be required to demonstrate integrity of character throughout the duration of the scholarship 2020-2021 school year

APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadlines

Students may submit their application any time during the application acceptance period.

Opening Date: Applications are accepted from Tuesday, 2nd June 2020.

Closing Date: Students must complete the scholarship application form no later than Friday, 10th July 2020. They may submit only one application for consideration.

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Mailing address

Applications should be mailed to:

**Gaffney & Mulleady Scholarships,
Aurivo,
Aurivo House,
Finisklin Business Park,
Sligo**

If you have any queries about the application process, contact the programme's administrators at careers@aurivo.ie

CHECKLIST

Prior to submitting your application, please confirm all parts of the application are fully completed:

- ✓ Student information
- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ Letter of reference
- ✓ Academic information
- ✓ Statement of achievements

SELECTION PROCESS

Short-listing

All eligible submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges selected by Aurivo. Applications will be short-listed and ranked based on a points systems based on the following criteria:

- Personal statement (40)
- Statement of achievements (35)
- Letter of reference (25)

Telephone interview

Following the shortlisting process, short-listed applicants will be required to participate in a telephone or Skype interview in mid-August.

Face-to-face interview

Between 17th and 28th August 2020, shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. Government restrictions relating to the pandemic at the time will decide if interviews are held face-to-face at Aurivo headquarters in Sligo or via Skype. Following the interviews, the interview panel will select the two candidates who will be awarded the scholarships.

All decisions made by the interview panel are final.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the application in space provided below. **Do not** include extra sheets of paper unless in sections indicated.

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last name: _____
Permanent Address: _____
Date of birth: _____ Gender: _____
Home telephone: _____ Mobile telephone: _____
Email: _____

Secondary contact information

This contact information is required and will be used in the event we are unable to reach the applicant using the primary contact information above.

Name: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Education

Name of current secondary school: _____
School address: _____
Name of third level course applied for: _____
Name of third level institution: _____
CAO course code: _____

SECTION 2: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Information in this section will be evaluated by scholarship adjudication panel. Outline why you have chosen the specific third level course indicated above, what your study and career goals are and why you believe you should receive the scholarship.

You may type this section on a separate sheet and attach to the application.

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SECTION 3: STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Information in this section will be evaluated by the scholarship adjudication panel. Please outline your academic honours, achievements, recognition and extra curricular activities, which demonstrate leadership, community involvement and uniqueness. Extra curricular involvement can include all school sponsored activities (i.e. club, sports teams, choir), as well as other community activities such as volunteer work. You may also list part-time employment, if applicable.

Supplementary information related to your achievements may be attached to the application.

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SECTION 4: VERIFICATION MATERIALS

Please enclose the following required materials along with the application form:

- One single-page letter of reference to be completed by a mentor, teacher or guidance councillor. Letter of reference should explain the nature of the recommender's relationship with the applicant and address how the applicant performs in school and why they would be a preferred candidate for the scholarship.

APPLICATION VERIFICATION AND CONSENT

Please enter my application in the 2020 Gaffney & Mulleady Scholarships, sponsored by Aurivo. My signature below confirms my eligibility to meet the requirements in the application. The information contained in my submitted application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and accept the scholarship judging and selection criteria and agree to fulfil the requirements of applicants outlined. I understand that recipient selection will be at the sole discretion of the judges chosen by Aurivo.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or guardian's signature (if applicant is under 18):

Signature: _____

Date: _____