



# The Vicky Phelan Scholarship

## Coláiste Cois Siúire

### What is the Vicky Phelan Scholarship?

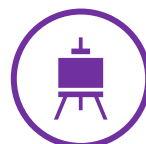
The Vicky Phelan Scholarship is a bursary of €1000 that is awarded annually to an enrolled student of Coláiste Cois Siúire who has:

- Completed their Leaving Certificate
- Submitted the required Personal Statement
- Been accepted to an eligible third level course



#### The Personal Statement

Applicants for the Vicky Phelan Scholarship are required to complete a written submission describing **what** the applicant's intended course of study is, **why** the applicant wishes to pursue their course, and, **how** the awarding of the scholarship would benefit their studies. Any other information that the applicant feels is relevant may also be included in the Personal Statement.



#### Eligible Third Level Courses

The Vicky Phelan Scholarship is open to any enrolled student of Coláiste Cois Siúire who has applied and been accepted to a recognised course of study in a recognised University, Further Education and Training Centre and/or other third level course of study aimed at providing an educational pathway to an identified career.

## Vicky Phelan

Vicky Phelan grew up in Mooncoin and attended Colásite Cois Siúire. Following completion of her Leaving Certificate, Vicky studied in University of Limerick graduating with a BA in European Studies.

Vicky always placed immense value on education in her own life. She referred to herself as a ‘true life-long learner’ and often referenced how education unlocked her passion for travel, and, paved the way for her career path in life.

In 2011, Vicky was tested for cervical cancer as and was pronounced cancer-free, however, the laboratory reading of her test was inaccurate and Vicky was diagnosed with cancer in 2014. As a result Vicky began an important campaign to find out how this had happened.

Vicky’s important work uncovered that many women had been misdiagnosed. Importantly, her work changed the way in which cervical screening was conducted in Ireland for the better.

Vicky battled her illness bravely but, sadly, in November 2022, Vicky Phelan passed away. This scholarship has been founded in her memory with the consent and support of her family who wish for Vicky’s love of life-long learning to continue to inspire others.



The scholarship of €1000 is intended to assist an applicant with their course registration fees, materials required for their course or with other necessities directly associated with facilitating access to their course. Recipients will be required to state how they intend to use the scholarship and provide documents to support this.



Recipients of the Vicky Phelan Scholarship will be required to update Colásite Cois Siúire on their educational journey in future years. It is imbued in the spirit of the scholarship that the recipient will be open to re-visiting the school to speak about how the scholarship has benefited their course of study.

[Click here to apply for the Vicky Phelan Scholarship](#)

**Closing date for entries: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

*“I am a true lifelong learner” – Vicky Phelan*