

NO MIND LEFT BEHIND

NO MIND LEFT BEHIND IS AN INITIATIVE DEVELOPED BY THE IRELAND FUNDS AND LONGTIME SUPPORTERS JOHN AND PAULINE RYAN TO GIVE PROMISING YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THIRD-LEVEL EDUCATION BY PROVIDING AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO COVER THE COSTS OF BOOKS, ACCOMODATION AND OTHER KEY EXPENSES.

While the Irish government covers basic fees for third-level students who qualify by means testing, many young people are prevented from completing their education due to the additional costs of books, accommodation, transportation, and subsistence, which are estimated at \$4,000 per year or \$16,000 for a four-year university course. Many of our scholars already have part-time jobs, and the No Mind Left Behind scholarships allow them to focus more on their studies and

participate more fully in university activities and societies.

Donors can select the city, county, secondary school or university in Ireland or Northern Ireland to which they would like the scholarship to be awarded. It is an opportunity for donors to not only invest in a deserving student, but to honor their area of ancestry. The Ireland Funds are pleased to confirm that over 20 scholarships have been committed by our donors and the first awards were made in September 2012.





“The great thing about it is that so much worry and stress is now gone. So many families have to borrow and scrape their way through. That time spent trying to bridge the gap leaves less time to settle in and study.

This No Mind Left Behind scholarship means I have the security to get right down to studying. I can afford the books, the accommodation, and the costs of school.

With the degree in History and Music I’ll be able to go in different directions, but my hope is to be a secondary school teacher. I’d love to give back by teaching.

I can’t believe I’ve received this scholarship. It’s made my life better and it motivates me to do well in University. I feel like I owe that to the person who has made that possible.”

E O I N

E O I N, FROM CO. LEITRIM, IS STUDYING MUSIC AND HISTORY AT MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY. HE IS ONE OF THE FIRST STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM THE NO MIND LEFT BEHIND PROGRAM.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENABLE A DESERVING IRISH STUDENT TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION? FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.theirelandfunds.org/nmlb