

Mayo County Council is the first county in the country to inform their students about the availability of Higher Education Grants on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/mayocountycouncilhighereducationgrantscheme>. An information page has been set up to assist students and their parents through the application process for a Higher Education Grant. Mayo County Council will continuously update this page and their website over the coming months.

Mayo County Council would like to inform the public that the Application Form and Guidance Notes for the 2010/2011 Higher Education Grants Scheme are now available for downloading on www.mayococo.ie or you can request the form and notes by emailing heg@mayococo.ie

Mayo County Council expects to process at least 1,500 applications this year which is treble the number processed in 2008. In order to manage the Higher Education Grant application process as efficiently and effectively as possible, Mayo County Council are now encouraging parents to complete the application form and to submit it with all the relevant documentation immediately.

The details of the scheme should be made available by the Department of Education & Science in July. Students can apply to Mayo County Council for a grant for a Level 8 to Level 10 course without having received an offer of a college place

The sooner a **complete** application is submitted the sooner a decision can be made on same. Applications will be processed and approved for payment in order of the date received of a **complete** application.

Mayo County Council staff will hold public information days commencing Thursday 27th May, 2010 at their offices listed below. You are strongly advised to call to these sessions where a member of the HEG team will take you through the process of completing the application form and detail for you what documentation; you specifically need to obtain, in order to submit a **complete** application. Alternatively the Higher Education Grants office is opened 9am to 5pm in Aras an Chontae, Castlebar.

VENUE	DATE
BALLINROBE Area Office Kilmaine Road	Thursday 27 th May, 2010 11am to 4pm
BALLINA Area Office Arran Place (beside Dunnes)	Thursday 27 th May, 2010 11am to 4pm
BELMULLET Area Office Church Road	Friday 28 th May, 2010 11am to 4pm
WESTPORT Area Office Altamount Street (opposite Railway Station)	Friday 28 th May, 2010 11am to 4pm
CLAREMORRIS Area Office Kilcolman Road	Monday 31 st May, 2010 11am to 4pm
SWINFORD Area Office Station Road	Monday 31 st May, 2010 11am to 4pm

