

Sample Monthly Budget - Living Away from Home 2025/2026

Average figures for guidelines purposes only

Expenses		Income	
Rent/Mortgage	796	SUSI maintenance grant	477
Transport – Leap Card cap €64pm or Fuel €140pm	92	Living expenses allowance from Parents/Guardian	120
Weekend Transport – Outside Dublin Bi-Weekly	140	Rent allowance from Parents/Guardian	700
Gas/Electricity/Oil	125	Part-time Employment Income	280
Groceries/Toiletries	200		
On/Off campus meals	120		
Internet	30		
Phone	27		
Medication	22		
College Materials e.g., printing etc.	10		
College Books	24		
Childcare	N/a		
Car Tax	N/a		
Car Insurance	N/a		
Car Maintenance/NCT	N/a		
Medical Insurance	N/a		
TV License	13		
Bin Charges	18		
Extra-Curricular Activities e.g., Gym/Clubs & Socs/Sport	45		
Other: Basic clothing (45) / Social work-life balance e.g., Cinema/Coffee Friends (100)	145		
Total Monthly Expenses	1822	Total Monthly Income	1577

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Expenses to be taken into consideration at different times during the year

Gaelteacht Fees

Placement-Work Clothes / Extra travel / Possible rent during placement

Social - Other Events

Other Motor Costs

Christmas

Easter

Annual Holiday / Weekend breaks

Possible small saving for unexpected Costs

Loans - Bank / Credit Union / Other

Other Income May be noted

Scholarship/Bursary/Other Funding Award

Allowance from Partner/Spouse

Summer Work Savings

Loan Parent Allowance

Back to Education Allowance

Disability Allowance

Rent Allowance

Family Income Supplement

Carers Allowance

Health Board Payments

Charitable Support

Childcare Support

Maintenance Support

Other