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## **TIPPERARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

### **INTERNAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

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Under section 70 of the ETB Act 2013, a Language Scholarship had existed and a review has taken place under Section 24 of the ETB Act 2013. The Chief Executive has prepared the following proposal for submission to the Board:

### **Scope of Policy**

This policy specifically encompasses Language Scholarships that operate within individual schools and are funded from the school non-pay budgets. This policy sets out the procedures around the operation of the Language Scholarships and outlines how such scholarships are managed within TETB. Other scholarships and bursaries (e.g. non-language or externally funded scholarships) are not within the scope of this policy and will be subject to separate controls and procedures.

- To establish a Language Scholarship Scheme for mainstream schools to support attendance at approved Gaeltacht and Language course.
- A grant of up to **€3,000** for schools with less than 500 students, or up to **€4,000** for schools with more than 500 students, will be allocated annually within each school's ordinary non pay budget.
- This grant can only be used to fund attendance at approved residential Gaeltacht and Language courses. Language Scholarship opportunities must be offered by each school on annual basis.
- To be eligible for a scholarship the student must have a good attendance record, show an interest and commitment to learning the language, and be recommended by the principal. Schools will actively encourage and support all students to apply for a language scholarship.

The following application system will apply:

- Applications will be made in the first instance to the school principal.
- The principal of each school will agree the appropriate format of assessment with the relevant language departments.
- Details of assessment criteria will be notified to all applicants.
- The Board of Management will confirm the successful applicants.
- The type and number of scholarships to be awarded in each school will be at the discretion of the BOM, taking the school and student circumstances into account annually. Non utilisation of the full grant allowable per school must be agreed by the Board of Management.
- Priority for applications will be given to students in first, second, transition and fifth year and to those students who have not previously received scholarship funding from TETB.
- A report of scholarship funding will be provided to TETB annually.