



CIAN MOONEY FARM FUTURE LEADER SCHOLARSHIP 2026



WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP ENTAIL?

The IFA / Cian Mooney Future Farm Leadership Scholarship is designed to allow both Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture and Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy, Drystock and Crops and Machinery) students experience the workings of the European Parliament while also visiting farms in Belgium. Successful students will have the opportunity to see how agricultural policies are developed and debate the merits of these with the policy makers.

IFA Brussels plays a crucial role in promoting and defending Irish farmers' interests in Europe. Our Brussels office provides an effective communications link with EU decision-makers, and deals directly with key Commission officials responsible for formulating policy proposals in agriculture, trade and other areas.

The IFA / Cian Mooney Future Farm Leadership Scholarship is in recognition of Cian Mooney, a first year Kildalton agricultural student who lost his life tragically in a road traffic accident in April 2022.

Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture and Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy, Drystock and Crops and Machinery) are eligible to apply.

How to apply



Complete the attached application form and submit it with a copy of your CV and essay to your College point of contact (as per below). Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to an interview with IFA during May, 2026. Closing date is May 16th 2026 and proposed trip date is late September 2026.

ESSAY

Your word essay should include:

Why are you are interested in the 'Future Farm Leadership Scholarship Travel Bursary'. (Max 250 words)

Describe how agricultural policies will help and hinder you as a young trained farmer. (Max 350 words)

Please include a copy of your CV and a copy of your essay.

Name _____

Address _____

Mobile number _____

Email address _____

Current course _____

College Points of Contact:

Kildalton - James Ryan

Clonakilty - Karen O'Connell

Mountbellew - Ciaran Kinahan

Gurteen - Sinead O'Sullivan

Ballyhaise - Breige Gilsenan

Pallaskenry - John Flannery