

GREENKEEPING CADETSHIP PROGRAMME TERMS

Education programme

Cadets for 2009/10 will enrol onto the NVQ2 Sports turf programme and attend classes 2 days per week during term time (October – May). Cadets must complete the NVQ2 programme by 31st August of the Cadetship year. Cadets will undertake practical greenkeeping instruction and carry out routine sportsturf/greenkeeping activities 5 days per week out of term and 3 days per week during term time. Paul Campbell, who manages the NVQ2 Sports turf programme, will have overall responsibility for the cadets. Whilst completing practical greenkeeping instruction and routine sportsturf/greenkeeping activities, cadets will be under the supervision of the Grounds Manager, Neil McLaughlin.

Selection Criteria

Successful candidates must be aged over 16 and under 25 years of age and have:

- (i) at least 4 GCSEs at Grade C or higher (or equivalent) including Mathematics and English.
- (ii) relevant practical experience in sports turf maintenance.
- (iii) a keen interest in the game of golf.

Applicants must apply by completing a CAFRE FE application form and the A4 supplementary page which will address criteria (ii) and (iii). Interviews will be held in August. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 31st July.

In the event of over-subscription, selection criteria (ii) and (iii) above will be used to shortlist candidates. A scoring system will be used with weightings as follows: criteria (ii) (60%) (iii) (40%). Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. Final decision on awarding of bursary to the 2 successful candidates rests with the Golfing Union of Ireland.

Bursary Payment

The GUI Bursary is worth £7,500 per cadet per year. Any unapproved absences from the programme i.e. without a medical certificate (self written or doctors line) will result in deductions from bursary payments. Bursary will be paid each week throughout the cadetship year. Holiday arrangements will be set by CAFRE and agreed with each cadet. A minimum of 25 days are allowed in addition to public holidays throughout the year.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available for cadets at the prevailing rate for resident students which ranges from £40 per week for a single room to £55 per week for self contained ensuite accommodation per week excluding meals. Normal college rules and regulations will apply to cadets living on campus. Cadets who are not aged 18 by 15th May in the cadetship year must arrange accommodation off campus for the period 16th May – 31st August, (or until they are 18)to the satisfaction of the College. Those aged 18 or over by 15th May during the cadetship year can avail of accommodation on campus for the summer months.

Cadets under 18 at the start of the cadetship year can reside in accommodation in the Further Education halls of residence. These are vacated on Friday 5pm until Sunday 5pm during normal teaching weeks.

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