

## **GAA Student Bursaries 2023/24**

The GAA's Student Bursary scheme funds are allocated by its Provincial Councils. Some elements of the Bursary scheme are common across the provinces; other elements are left to their discretion.

Broadly speaking, the following is a summary of the various elements of the Bursary schemes as they will operate in 2023/24.

- a. Payment is typically made in two instalments of €500 (Munster, Connacht and Leinster) and two instalments of £400 for Ulster. (Open to negotiation based on province's preference)
- b. The application is open to members of the Association (be they male or female) who are attending a full time Higher Education course and who are active participants in their Higher Education GAA Club.

*(Note: It is at the discretion of each province whether to include all academic years in the application process or not)*

- c. A general condition of receiving a Bursary should be the demonstration of a number of volunteer hours commitment to the College GAA Club. The conditions governing this are at the discretion of each province.
- d. Those who hold another GAA related or college scholarship/bursary are not eligible. To ensure this:
  - The Application form for 2023/2024 includes a section that must be signed/stamped by the college registrar, confirming that a given student is not in receipt of a Bursary from that college.
  - The GPA will provide each province with a list of its 2023 members on request to allow for cross-referencing on eligibility.
  - Provinces to supply list of recipients to Central Council once confirmed, for sharing with GPA as appropriate and in order to draw down GAA allocation.
- e. Should there be an existing similar Camogie Association or LGFA scheme in place, it is a matter for each province to decide if they wish to consider applications for Camogie or LGFA players or refer them to their respective Associations' Scheme.
- f. A set number of awards in each province will be granted to students who have shown a positive contribution in the areas of coaching or administration. *This should be in the region of 20% but the final figure is at the discretion of each province.*

- g. Bursaries may be awarded in successive years; to a maximum of 2 years in total.
- h. The agreed Application form is standard across the four provinces, but the criteria used to assess each application and the make-up of the committee in each province is at the province's discretion.
- i. It is at the discretion of each province in a general context as to whether they want to award bursaries to students from their province studying in a college in a different province or not. However, if a province does not cater for individuals in such circumstances, a small quota of awards should be set aside to ensure such cases are not excluded from applying.
- j. As a general best practice approach, each Provincial Council should draw up and edit annually a terms and conditions document outlining how the allocation of bursaries will work in their jurisdiction.
- k. Provinces may use any further criteria considered necessary from experience to best address their own specific needs.
- l. The issue of placing a “cap” on the number of awards made to a particular college is at the discretion of the individual province.
- m. The criteria used to assess each application and the make-up of the committee in each province should be at the province's discretion. The measures used in each province should be set out and submitted to Páirc an Chrócaigh for record purposes etc.
- n. Senior Intercounty players who are GPA members should be dealt with under the GPA's scheme only.
  - If senior intercounty players are unsure if they should apply under the provincial or GPA schemes, they should contact the GPA directly to establish their eligibility.
  - As per above, the GPA will provide each Province with a list of the players eligible for their schemes on an annual basis upon request.
- o. Ard Chomhairle funding to each province for Bursaries is based on the commitment of the individual provinces; where the same financial commitment as in previous years is made by the provinces, Ard Chomhairle funding will remain as it was pre-Covid.