



2023 EIYC TRAINING BURSARY

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BURSARY GUIDELINES

To build on its role in promoting eventing among Irish youth competitors, the EI Youth Committee, in conjunction with the George Mernagh Memorial Fund (GMMF), has established a training bursary to assist one youth rider in undertaking a placement as a working pupil abroad.

This Bursary provides an opportunity to mitigate the costs, such as travel and living expenses, associated with undertaking such a placement. The EIYC/GMMF bursary is directed towards riders who have excelled in the sport of eventing and displayed potential and dedication to their sport.

DETAILS OF BURSARY

One bursary of €5,000 will be awarded to the successful applicant. The placement must occur in 2024.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A BURSARY

1. Irish youth riders aged 18 to 25 years old
2. Resident in Ireland
3. Interested in a work placement at a top professional eventing yard abroad.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

The successful applicant must:

1. be a current member of Eventing Ireland.
2. obtain a written offer of employment/placement from a suitable yard/employer within 2 months of the bursary being awarded.
3. secure employment for a period of not less than 3 months.
4. demonstrate the ability, motivation, and commitment to complete the placement successfully.
5. display potential and dedication to their chosen sport.
6. have competed successfully at 2* International or higher.

SELECTION PROCESS

The primary aim of the Bursary is to assist young Irish riders to progress in the sport of eventing by experiencing top professional yards outside of this country.

EIYC/GMMF will appoint a selection panel to assess the merits and eligibility of all applicants. The panel may choose to invite a shortlist of applicants for an interview. The panel will recommend their chosen candidate for this bursary to the EIYC/GMMF for approval.

The EIYC/GMMF Bursary Award Committee's decision will be final.

HOW TO APPLY

Each candidate must submit a completed Application Form. The application form is in three parts:

- PART 1:** To be completed by the candidate applying for the Bursary.
- PART 2:** To be completed by the candidate's Referees.
- Part 3:** The candidate is to provide a Personal Statement, of no more than 1,000 words, explaining why they believe that they should receive this Bursary.

Closing Date for receipt of applications is **Friday 24th November 2023**.

Please post the application to:

EIYC/GMMF Youth Bursary, Orchard Lodge, Calverstown, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, R56 NN25

Alternatively email the application in pdf format to either Kieran or Christine.

If you have any queries in relation to the bursary, please contact either Kieran Connors kieran@clg.ie or Christine Crozier cmcrozier@icloud.com

AWARD OF BURSARY

The Bursary will be awarded based on a candidate's application and possibly interview.

50% of the Bursary will be paid in advance, upon written confirmation from the employer of the offer of a placement. The balance will be released once the applicant has completed a minimum of 6 weeks of the placement and has submitted a written report summarising their experience over the initial 6 weeks. This report must be signed off by the employer.

Reimbursement Policy

If you fail to complete your placement for the minimum term of 3 months, you may be liable to repay some or all of any payments EIYC/GMMF have made in relation to the bursary. In this instance, following consultation with you, a repayment plan will be scheduled, and your personal circumstances will be taken into consideration.

Placements can be subject to relocation/change of venue during the 3-month term, but this must be approved by the EIYC/GMMF prior to relocating.