



2024 EIYC YOUTH RIDER TRAINING BURSARY SUPPORTED BY THE GEORGE MERNAGH MEMORIAL FUND

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 2025.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A BURSARY

1. Eventing Ireland youth riders aged 18 to 25 years old
2. Resident in Ireland
3. Planning a work placement at a top professional eventing yard outside Ireland.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

The successful applicant **must**:

1. be a current member of Eventing Ireland.
2. obtain a firm offer of a placement from a suitable yard/employer.
3. secure placement(s) for a period of not less than 3 months.
4. demonstrate the ability, motivation, and commitment to complete the placement(s) 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 online.

The application form consists of::

- Personal Details, Eventing Experience, Work Experience, Placement (potential) Details, Referee Details (2), Personal Statement (written or video), Other Financial Support.

[Google Form EIYC/GMMF Youth Rider Training Bursary Application](#)

[Personal Statement Details](#)

- The EIYC will request references from 2 referees.

(you must discuss this with them before providing us with their details.)

Closing Date for receipt of applications is **Monday 4th November 2024**.

If you have any queries in relation to the bursary, please contact the EIYC by email eiunderage@gmail.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 or video report summarising their experience over the initial half of their placement(s).

Reimbursement Policy

If you fail to complete your placement(s) 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.

C.Crozier EIYC Secretary 12/08/24