

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Education and Training Fund

The GPA Education and Training Fund is designed to support GPA members who are not currently in third-level education, ensuring that all players are equally supported on their learning and education journeys.

This fund provides support for a wide range of professional, vocational, and upskilling courses, recognising that education extends beyond academic pathways. Supported courses include, but are not limited to, Green Cert and farming qualifications, apprenticeships, beauty certifications, Pilates and fitness courses, and other professional training opportunities aligned with a player's career goals and personal interests.

Past players in full time third level education can avail of the education and training fund as they are not eligible for the third level scholarship which is for current players only.

Application Process

To apply for the GPA Education and Training Fund, players must have an active GPA membership account.

Once logged in, navigate to Applications → Education Funding → Create Scholarship, where you can begin an Education and Training Fund application.

As part of the application, players must upload official proof of course registration and full payment. Applications will only be reviewed once all required documentation has been submitted.

Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis. Once approved, payments are issued within one week of approval.

Funding for current players is up to 70% of course cost to a max of €1400.

Funding for past players is up to 50% of course cost to a max of €1400.

Third Level Scholarships

The GPA Third Level Scholarship is our primary education support for current GPA members undertaking full-time or part-time third-level education.

The scholarship supports over 800 GPA members each year, helping players to balance the demands of college life alongside the commitments of an intercounty playing career. With significant time constraints placed on players, the scholarship is designed to ease pressure and provide meaningful support during their academic journey.

Application Process

Applications for the GPA Third Level Scholarship will open in October. All eligible GPA members will receive an application link directly by email. Reps will also be reminding squads when applications are opening.

Applicants are required to submit official documentation from their third-level institution as part of the application process.

Successful applicants will be notified and scholarships awarded and paid in early 2027. Members are advised to keep an eye on emails from gpaservice@gaelicplayers.com for further details and updates.



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Enhanced Scholarships & MBA's

All enhanced scholarship and MBA applications for the 2026/27 academic year have now closed.

Applications and expressions of interest will open again in February 2027.