

To: All Mandate Members

Re: Gaeltacht Scholarship

LOB/LF
8 October 2026

Dear Member

The National Executive Council will award **twenty (20) Gaeltacht Scholarships** for Irish Colleges during the summer of 2027. The scholarships will be awarded on a lottery basis i.e. all applications will be entered into the draw, and the first twenty (20) names will be awarded scholarships.

The scholarships will be awarded under the following conditions:

1. Winners who choose to attend Coláistí Chorcaí Dhuibhne <https://www.colaiste.ie/> and Colaiste Chonnacht <https://www.colaistechonnacht.com/> will be awarded a full scholarship.
2. Winners who choose any other college will be awarded a maximum of €1250.00.
3. Winners who have already paid a deposit to their chosen college must liaise with the college for reimbursement of their deposit the college must then invoice Mandate for the full amount.
4. If your nominee is successful in the draw but is unable to attend the scholarship course available and if notice of cancellation is not received in time to pass the vacant spot on to another child, **the original winner will be obliged to pay for the course in full.**
5. Scholarships are for children, sisters and brothers of members of MANDATE who are benefit members as at 1st January 2026. Benefit members are those who are not more than eight (8) weeks in arrears with contributions at that date.
6. Children must be between the ages of 10 and 18 years.
7. Extracurricular activities and transport are not covered by the grant.
8. Applications must be made on the official form (PTO) or you can email Louise Foy at lfey@mandate.ie if you require a hard copy. Each form to cover one child only.
9. Only one application per child is allowed and one scholarship only will be awarded to any family.
10. Scholarships will be awarded by means of a draw which will take place at a date and time to be decided by the National Executive Council.
11. **Closing date for applications will be Friday 20th November 2026.** Applications received after that date will not be eligible for the draw.
12. The decision of the Executive Council on all matters relating to this scheme shall be final.
13. Grants will not be transferable.
14. Mandate staff are not eligible to participate in this scheme.

Yours sincerely
For Mandate Trade Union



Lorraine O'Brien
General Secretary

MANDATE

The Union of Retail, Bar and Administrative Workers

GAELTACHT SCHOLARSHIP 2027 ENTRY FORM

I hereby declare that I am a benefit member of MANDATE and I wish to enter my son/daughter/brother/sister below for inclusion in the draw for Gaeltacht Scholarships which is to take place in accordance with the conditions overleaf.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS

NOTE: CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2026
ONE APPLICATION PER CHILD ONLY

NAME OF CHILD

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS.....

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NAME OF UNION MEMBER

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

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CONTACT TELEPHONE NO.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD

EMPLOYMENT.....

EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS

UNION NO

I agree to be bound by all conditions and decisions of the Executive Council.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Application Number	Division	Last Payment	Checked by