

Longford County Council

Sports Bursary Application Criteria 2026

Longford County Council in collaboration with Longford Sports Partnership

Longford County Council allocated funding in the 2026 budget towards a Sports Bursary scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to support and facilitate achievement by aspiring and ambitious individual performers, competing and succeeding at the highest sporting levels, and who have the ability and potential to bring recognition and success at national, European, and international level in their chosen sport.

1. Awards are granted to individual amateur sports people who have proven ability, have been selected to represent their sport at National, European, or international level and possess the potential to excel and achieve excellence in their sport.
2. Applicants must be born or domiciled in County Longford. Applicants who are competing at national, European, or international level and studying or training abroad are eligible to apply.
3. The award is designed to assist in the cost of education, coaching and training, travel and equipment.
4. Applications are open to both male and female athletes from any sporting field recognised by Sport Ireland.
5. The award will normally be made to those over 16 years of age in the calendar year in which the award is made. Exceptions to this may be made in the case where a person is competing at national, European, international or equivalent level as determined by the chosen sport.
6. Longford County Council shall retain the right to review the terms of the Bursary on an annual basis.
7. Recipients of the award must make themselves available for photo sessions and other promotional events with and on behalf of Longford County Council.
8. Applications will be independently assessed by the Bursary Committee, on an individual basis, against specific criteria including quality of application, current performance levels, achievements, and future potential. The decision of the Bursary Committee will be final.
9. Applicants will be short listed and may be interviewed as part of the selection process.
10. The recipient may be required to demonstrate that the award has been properly used.
11. The Longford County Council shall be entitled to recover the award should it be established that it has not been used in an appropriate fashion as detailed on the Bursary Application Form.
12. Applicants must declare all other sponsorships.
13. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday, May 19 2026.

Late applications will not be accepted. Canvassing of any kind will immediately disqualify the applicant for consideration

