

GAELTACHT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR CHILDREN OF FÓRSA MEMBERS 2024

80 grants of €150 each are available to assist children of Fórsa members to attend **Residential Irish Language courses in Gaeltacht areas** in summer 2024 and a further 40 grants of €70 are available to assist children attend day only Irish Language Courses held **outside** Gaeltacht areas. The grants apply to children of Fórsa members who are aged between 11 years and 18 years of age on 1st July 2024 **(Please read terms and conditions)**.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Fórsa

Member's Surname*: *(As used with your employer)*

Member's First Name(s):

Home Address:

L1: _____

L2: _____

L3: _____

L4: _____

Eircode: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Member's email: _____

(Essential as all correspondence will only issue via email to all applicants)

Fórsa Branch:

Fórsa Division:

Employer:

Payroll/Employee/Staff Number:

Workplace Address:

L1: _____

L2: _____

L3: _____

L4: _____

Eircode: _____

Grant Type: Residential

Daytime

Child's Name: *(Include surname, if different to member's surname)*

Relationship of applicant to Child *(e.g. partner's child)*

The completed form must be received by:

The General Services Committee, Fórsa, Nerney's Court, Dublin 1, D01 R2C5 before 5.00 PM on Friday 6th October 2023. [Regretfully late applications cannot be considered, irrespective of reason]. The completed form can be emailed to: Gaeltacht@forsa.ie

The contact details supplied must be that of the member making the application. These will be entered on the Fórsa membership database for all future union communications and will replace any contact information already on our records.

*Required fields must be completed.

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1. The Fórsa Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme is designed to assist the children of Fórsa members to attend approved residential Irish Language courses in designated Gaeltacht areas and also daytime only courses outside Gaeltacht areas during the summer months. Fórsa is unable to recommend any particular course, however, you may be able to obtain information from a teacher in the school which your child attends.
2. For the purposes of this scheme, a Fórsa member is a current paid up member in accordance with Fórsa Rules. Former members and persons in arrears of payment of subscription of more than 90 days or not paying the required subscription are not eligible for this scheme.

A child, for the purposes of this scheme, must be at least 11 years of age and not more than 18 years of age on the 1st of July in the year for which the scholarship is being sought. A child includes a son or daughter of a member and the child of the member's partner where the member and his/her partner live together. It also includes a child being fostered and any child for whom the Fórsa member or his/her partner is the legal guardian. ***The scheme does not apply to nieces, nephews, grandchildren etc. of members.***

3. Applications must be received by the date specified each year. ***Applications received after that date will not be considered, irrespective of the grounds for late submission.*** Application forms will be available via the Union's [website-www.forsa.ie](http://www.forsa.ie) - and will also be issued to Fórsa branch committees.

Only one application per child is permitted irrespective of both parents being Fórsa members.. Members may make an application either for the Residential or Daytime grant but not both. Only one payment may be made per child. **Members submitting more than one application per child will be disqualified from participation in the scholarship scheme in that year.** This applies to submitting it by email and by post. Only one method of submission of the application form is allowed. If a child has been granted a scholarship in a given year, they are excluded from being included in the draw for the following year.

A member's child, as defined above, may only win one Gaeltacht Scholarship per annum.

Not more than two Gaeltacht Scholarships per annum may be awarded to any one family unit, (legal or de facto).

4. The Union will award 80 residential scholarships and 40 daytime only scholarships per annum. The amount of each residential scholarship is €150 and each daytime only scholarship €70 currently. Applications for the Gaeltacht Scholarships must be on the approved form (copy attached) **which must be fully completed**. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships (and this is invariably the position) the number of scholarships is apportioned to each of the Union's five divisions, broadly proportionate to the size of the divisions. Within each divisional 'pool' the Union's Membership Services Committee, whose decision is final, will select the successful applications on a lottery basis. Scholarships are awarded to a named child only and for a specific year only. If that child does not attend a course in the year awarded the scholarship may not be transferred to another year or to another sibling.
5. Successful applicants will be advised of the fact by e-mail and a list of such applicants will be published in the Union newspaper and on the Union website.
6. ***Payment of the scholarship will be made in arrears following (i) written confirmation from the child's school or Irish college that they attended the course and (ii) receipt of a written confirmation of payment of the course fees, received from the child's school or Irish college, as appropriate. Payment will only be made following verification, using our membership database, that the applicant is a paid-up member of the Union. As payment will be made to the successful applicants by bank transfer only, it will be necessary for such successful applicants to provide their bank details when submitting details at (i) and (ii) above.***
7. **All correspondence regarding this scheme will issue by e-mail only.** As such, it is a requirement of the scheme that you supply an e-mail address. The e-mail address supplied by you will be entered on the Fórsa membership database for all future union e-mail communications and will replace any e-mail address already on our records.
8. This scholarship is separate to the 3rd level scholarship scheme. A future circular will issue for same.
9. Data Protection: The information you supply will be used within the terms of the Data Protection Act and shall only be used by Fórsa for administrative purposes directly related to your membership of the union. Fórsa shall not supply any data you provide to third parties.