



Graham Downes International Scholarship at Hartpury College



Education Level
Incoming Students



Amount
Full Coverage



Minimum HS GPA
Good Academic Standing

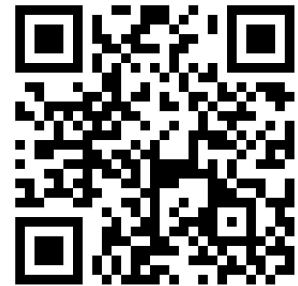


Scholarships Awarded
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Who is Eligible

U.S. sophomore or junior high school female rugby players who are in good academic and rugby standing, typically ages 16 to 18. Coaches are looking for players who are mature, coachable, have a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and are resilient under pressure.

Apply Now!



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Scholarship Process Timeline

- April 1st** ● Applications Open
- May 30th** ● Applications Close
- Fall Semester** ● Review Applications
- Spring Semester** ● Check applicant's college attendance and rugby participation. Award scholarship.

About the Scholarship



The Hartpury College Scholarship offers an exceptional opportunity for a U.S. female high school rugby player to live, study, and train in England at Hartpury College—one of the world’s premier rugby academies. Set on a 360-hectare campus in Gloucestershire, just 20 minutes from Gloucester and two hours from London, Hartpury has built a global reputation for excellence in player development. Its Women’s Rugby Academy has produced more than 40 England U20 players and numerous senior internationals, including 15 members of the 23-player squad that won the 2025 Women’s Rugby World Cup—a testament to the program’s elite training environment and proven success.

Recipients spend a full academic year at Hartpury—from September 2026 through June 2027—immersed in both the XV’s and 7s rugby seasons while maintaining a standard high school course load with transferable U.S. credits. The scholarship is designed for U.S. sophomore or junior female rugby players, typically ages 16 to 18, who demonstrate strong academic and athletic standing. Ideal candidates are mature, coachable, and resilient, with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. This experience goes beyond competition, offering student-athletes the chance to develop at the highest level, gain international exposure, and grow both on and off the field within one of rugby’s most respected development systems.



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