

WAYNE RICHARDS SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP

Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- be between 13 - 21 years of age at the time applications close
- be an Australian Citizen or have permanent resident status, (and reside in Australia)
- be a permanent resident of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government area
- be participating as an athlete in a sport endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and recognised by the National Sporting Organisation (NSO).

*Note Futsal, Oz Tag, Cheerleading and Royal Life Saving & Surf Life Saving are not Australian Sports Commission recognised National Sporting Organisations and hence athletes in these sports are not eligible.

How are applicants assessed?

Athletes will be assessed on their demonstration of:

- achievement at a state, national or international level of competition in their chosen sport
- potential to further represent New South Wales or Australia in their chosen sport and have potential to achieve a sporting career
- sportsmanship in their chosen field and
- the potential to be an ambassador for the Port Macquarie-Hastings region.

Supporting recommendations by coaches, sports clubs and associations will also be considered.

What can the Scholarship money be used for?

The scholarship can be used costs associated with training and sporting competitions/ championships in their chosen sport. Examples of expenses include:

- Competition entry fees/levies
- Transport costs (eg., airfares, petrol)
- Accommodation
- Uniform
- Sporting equipment.

Additional Information of Note:

It is a requirement of the Scholarship that the successful applicant will:

- provide a quarterly written report to the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee for the scholarship duration, including information on their training, recent competitions, results achieved and any upcoming competitions in which they will be competing.
- advise any significant issues (be they injury or external factors) that postpone or cancel competition activities or prohibit the Scholarship recipient from attending the said competition.

Any significant issues that result in postponement or cancellations to the Scholarship recipient's competition calendar may result in the deferral or possible withholding of remaining Scholarship instalments.

Applications for the awarding of one (1) Scholarship will be assessed each year by members of the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee may determine that there is only one scholarship recipient; or that there is one (1) Scholarship recipient and up to two (2) runner(s)-up should suitable quality applications be received. The Sub-Committee may decide not to award the Scholarship in the instance of insufficient quality applications being received.

The decision of the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee is final with no further correspondence to be entered into.

Notification

Applications successfully lodged by the close off date nominated above, at the completion of lodgement will receive a computer generated "acknowledgement of application received" email. Further contact will be made with applicants in the lead up to the end of year Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Awards Presentation Breakfast.

Application Process

The annual scholarship is to the value \$4,000. Upon the announcement of the recipient, the recipient will receive \$1,000, followed by three (3) quarterly instalments of \$1,000 on the condition that the scholarship recipient provides the Mayor's Sporting Fund Sub-Committee with quarterly updates and continues with competition participation.

To apply for the Scholarship:

- Complete the online application form on Council's website by the nominated deadline
- Upload all supporting documentation
- Upload a completed photography consent form
- Upload a recent photo of your participating in your nominated sport.

No late applications will be accepted. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced at the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Awards Presentation Breakfast.

Terms and Conditions

Following the awarding of the Scholarship, the successful applicant may be contacted by Council for an update on how the Scholarship money has been used.

If contacted, the recipient must:

- Comply with any request by the designated due date; and
- Provide Council with records* confirming that the Scholarship money was used/is being used towards your participation at the nominated competition/championships and/or to purchase sporting equipment/engage elite coaches

Need further information?

Please contact the Community Grants Team on 02 6581 8111.

*These records can be receipts or bank transaction records confirming the date and amount relevant to attendance at the nominated competition/championships. Examples include:

- A flight itinerary showing recipient's name, departure and return dates, total cost
- A receipt showing relevant accommodation details which aligns with the competition/championship dates.
- An invoice and/or associated receipt for the competition/championship registration fee which clearly lists the recipient's name and name of the nominated competition/championships
- Receipts for meals/taxi fares that align with the recipient's travel/attendance at the competition/championships.