



**WESTERN SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF SPORT**



**Woolworths**  
*Australia's fresh food people*



# **ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**“A partnership initiative supporting outstanding young achievers in sport”**

## BACKGROUND

Academy athletes who achieve specific standards of excellence and performance in their chosen sport are eligible for Woolworths Athlete Scholarships. Woolworths is a strong supporter of young people and community sports participation, and wishes to provide financial assistance to the Academy's outstanding young achievers in order to assist them in meeting the financial burdens associated with their progression to the elite levels of their chosen sport.

## WOOLWORTHS SCHOLARSHIPS

- Athletes who have participated in Academy programs that have concluded in 2018 are entitled to apply for the Woolworths Scholarships.
- Cash grants of \$5,000 are awarded on an annual basis to one male and one female Academy athlete.
- The Scholarship will comprise of two components. The first will be a \$4,000 Sports Participation Grant which is intended to provide financial assistance to the athlete/parents in respect of ongoing participation costs such as equipment, coaching etc.
- The second will be an additional amount of \$1,000 as an Educational Grant which must be utilised to assist in the athlete's ongoing secondary/tertiary education – this amount will be provided on an expense verified basis.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

### Nominations

- Nominations for the Woolworths Scholarships will be called for in July of each year – through direct written notification to all athletes. The opportunity to nominate will also be advertised on the Academy's website and the Team App. used by all athletes and staff.
- Nominations must be submitted on the official Academy application form located on the Academy website and accompanied by other essential documentation as advised.
- Nominations must be submitted no later than **17 August 2018**. Applications received after the notified closing date may not be accepted.

### Assessment

- Assessment of nominations will be carried out by a Judging Panel, comprising Academy Directors, the Academy CEO and a representative of Woolworths.
- Assessment of nomination forms will include verification of the athlete's performances at a representative level with the relevant State or National Sporting Organisation(s).
- The Judging Panel shall advise the Academy Chairman of their recommendations and Board approval will be sought /required prior to announcement of the recipients at the annual Athlete Dinner.

### Successful Recipients

- Scholarship winners will be announced at the Academy's Annual Awards Dinner being held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at St Marys League Club.
- Once announced, the awarding of the Woolworths Scholarships will be dependent on the athlete and parent(s) signing an Agreement with the Academy concerning the application of the funds provided.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Judging Panel will utilise an assessment framework that provides for consideration to be given to a range of criteria, such as:

### Athlete Achievement

- Selection of the athlete in recognised athlete pathway representative squads/teams, including School, District, State and National levels.
- Selection of the athlete in recognised SSO and NSWIS talented and elite athlete development programs.
- Athlete performances as a member of these recognised representative and elite development squads.

### Athlete Discipline and Commitment

- Demonstration by the athlete of commitment to the Academy program, through attendance, discipline and dedication to tasks while participating in all Academy program activities and events.
- Demonstration by the athlete of commitment to the Academy ethos of performance, excellence and achievement through behaviour and performance while participating in camps and competitions.
- Written support of the athlete's commitment to the program provided by the Head Coach.

### Athlete Performance Improvement

- Demonstration by the athlete of improved levels of skills and performance standards through ongoing participation in program training and competition games.
- Written support of the athlete's improvement provided by the program Head Coach.

The Judging Panel reserves the right not to award a Scholarship in any year depending on the overall quality – level of nominations received.

***Nominations for the Woolworths Scholarship must be received by no later than close of business on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Nominations received after this date may not be considered by the Judging Panel.***

***Nominations should be submitted via the form located on the Academy's website complete with all essential documentation including Coach's reference. Incomplete nominations may not be accepted.***

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