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SESF PARTNERS WITH SCHOOL SPORT WESTERN AUSTRALIA AHEAD OF NATIONAL LAUNCH IN 2022

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund has today announced a partnership with School Sport Western Australia for 2022. Together they will provide a minimum of 5 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each to emerging talent from low socioeconomic backgrounds in Western Australia. The scholarships aim to mitigate the costs associated with participation in school sport at a state level, ensuring that finances are not a barrier for talent in reaching their potential.

This is a landmark achievement for the SESF as the foundation charges toward a national launch in 2022. The foundation aims to alleviate some of the financial burden placed on emerging talent and their families, with the SESF aiming for 100 scholarship recipients to be participating in the Brisbane Olympics in 2032. Scholarship recipients also have the opportunity to be mentored by SESF ambassadors such as Olympians Mack Horton and Bec Henderson to provide guidance on their journey.

This partnership solidifies the SESF's commitment to supporting talent from all over Western Australia, with a minimum of 5 scholarships to be awarded in 2022. The foundation is hoping for this number to increase as they look for new partners from the state to provide support for the work they are doing.

Peter Rickers, President, School Sport WA said:

"School Sport Western Australia is excited to be become a collaborative partner with the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund. We look forward to working with SESF to receive positive sporting and financial outcomes for Western Australian school students participating in the School Sport Australia pathway."

Nick Mooney, Executive Director, SESF said:

"The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund is proud to be supplying financial scholarships to Western Australian school aged athletes for the first time in 2022.

Given the cost of travelling from WA to national and international sporting events, we think this is a vital part of our national expansion. We have committed to \$5,000 worth of scholarships in 2022 and we look forward to working in partnership with School Sport WA, an organisation we rate very highly."

If you would like to learn more about the SESF or would like to enquire about partnering with the foundation, please email:

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