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SESF PARTNERS WITH SCHOOL SPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIA AHEAD OF NATIONAL LAUNCH THIS YEAR

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

This is a landmark achievement for the SESF as the foundation prepares for their national launch this year. The foundation helps to alleviate part of the financial burden placed on emerging talent and their families. The SESF is 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, Brooke Stratton and Bec Henderson, an SESF scholarship recipient, to provide guidance on their journey.

This partnership solidifies the SESF's commitment to supporting talent from all over South 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 currently doing.

Paula Nielsen, School Sport SA Team Leader said:

School Sport SA is looking forward to working in partnership with the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund to support disadvantaged students in their sporting endeavours.

The SESF scholarships will enable South Australian students to continue to excel at their sport and provide opportunities to advance their sporting pathway.

Nick Mooney, Executive Director, SESF said:

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

Given the cost of travelling from SA to national sporting events, we think this is a vital part of our national expansion.

South Australians are extremely passionate about their representative school sport. This is highlighted by the fact they have hosted the last two Pacific School Games in 2015 and 2017. We have committed to \$5,000 worth of scholarships in 2022 and we look forward to working in partnership with School Sport SA, this year.

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