

SESF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2023

January 16, 2023: The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund has today opened scholarship applications for 2023. Currently, the SESF plans to award 180 scholarships across the year, with the number subject to change as a result of new partnerships.

2022 marked a highly successful year for the SESF, with 145 scholarships awarded to athletes and their families. The year was also the SESF's first as a national charity, with scholarships awarded to athletes from 6 different states across the country.

Now in our 11th year, the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund provides future sporting stars with financial and mentoring support. Over this 11-year period the SESF has been pivotal in the journey of many young Australians, from a diversity of backgrounds and across all sporting endeavours.

“We thank the assistance of the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund to get to the BMX Nationals Round 3 held in Brisbane. It was such a fantastic opportunity for Dakota to keep chasing her goals and represent her state against the best of Australia. Making the top 10 Nationally, we can't wait to see her progression. This has been such a tremendous stepping stone for her in believing in herself.”

*Kasey, mother of 2022 Scholarship Recipient Dakota
BMX*

SESF scholarships are given to those young athletes experiencing financial circumstances that would otherwise preclude them from participating at a representative level. We encourage any Australian young athlete, 10 years and over, selected to represent a State or National team, to apply now.

Now, more than ever is the time to keep the dreams alive for our future sporting champions. To apply visit www.sesf.org.au/application

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF)?

The SESF is a registered charity. It supports primary and secondary school students aged 10 to 18 years old, who's financial circumstances would preclude them from otherwise participating at representative level for their state or Australia. The charity started in 2012 and has a Deductible Gift Recipient status.

Scholarship Details

Valued at up to \$1,000 per scholarship

Successful scholarship recipients will be required to submit photos, videos and a testimonial documenting their story at their National or International Championship.

Who can apply and what are the criteria?

- State or National Team Representative students who are enrolled in an Australian school. This includes Government and non-Government Schools and Multi Class athletes
- Students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia (within the meaning of the Australian Citizenship Act 2007)
- Families or students who demonstrate financial need
- Be competing in an official national championship endorsed by the relevant Sport Australia recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO) or School Sport Australia.
- To check your sports eligibility please go to https://www.sportaus.gov.au/australian_sports_directory or <http://www.schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/sports/>
- Families and students can re-apply each year, regardless of the outcome of the application the previous year.

When can I apply?

Applications are now open. You can apply at any stage of the school year, as long as it is at least one week before your departure to your event.

What documentation do you need to apply?

All applicants must fill in the application form at www.sesf.org.au/application.

Applications must be endorsed by the school principal where the student is enrolled. The application WILL NOT be assessed until the school principal endorsement is received.

Evidence of financial circumstances that would otherwise preclude the applicant from participating. This may include evidence of a valid Health Care Card /Pensioner Concession Card (not essential)

Where do I apply?

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