



Surf Life Saving Australia Officials Scholarship

Officials play a vital role in Surf Life Saving Sport. The Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Officials Scholarship aligns with the SLSA Participant Development Pathway, ensuring officials are trained and supported to continue their officiating progression. The scholarship will increase opportunities and create a progression pathway for our aspiring officials, supporting National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) accredited members in their officiating development.

This will be achieved by providing the recipient with the opportunity to gain officiating experience at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (The Aussies).

Officials Scholarship Criteria

Applications for the Scholarship will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. **Age:** Applicants must be under the age of 45 at the time of applying for the scholarship.
2. **Experience:** Applicants must have a record of good performance and commitment at branch and/or state level events and not have previously officiated at The Aussies.
3. **Qualifications:** Applicants must have a valid Senior or Technical Official accreditation.
4. **Support from Branch or State:** A statement of support must be provided by a senior member of the Surf Sports group at applicant's branch or state.
5. **Ongoing Participation:** The applicant must intend on continuing to officiate in SLS events and commit to returning to officiate at The Aussies for a second year*.

*Partial funding may be offered to scholarship recipients returning to officiate at The Aussies for a second year. This is at the discretion of SLSA and scholarship recipients will be notified about any funding.

What is included in the Officials Scholarship?

The Officials Scholarship will provide the recipient with an invaluable opportunity to be mentored by an experienced official for the duration of The Aussies and officiate alongside high achieving and likeminded members.

SLSA will cover reasonable out of pocket costs for recipients to;

- Travel to The Aussies location (air or ground travel)
- Be provided with adequate accommodation for the duration of their stay at The Aussies

Any other costs associated with officiating at The Aussies are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

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Expectations of Scholarship recipients

Scholarship recipients must be available to officiate at The Aussies for the duration of one of the options outlined below:

Option 1: Masters and Open events from 20/04/2020 to 26/04/2020

Option 2: Youth and Masters events from 18/04/2020 to 21/04/2020

Recipients are expected to officiate to the best of their ability in their allocated events and prepare appropriately to carry out their duties. Contact details of an appropriate mentor will be provided prior to The Aussies to assist with preparation for the event. Feedback and support will be provided to the recipient on their performance during The Aussies.

How to apply for the Officials Scholarship?

Applications can be submitted via the online application form:

[Officials Scholarship Online Application Form](#)

Applications must be submitted by Friday 1 November 2019.

How will Scholarship recipients be selected?

A panel comprising the following representatives will perform an objective evaluation of valid applications:

- SLSA representatives
- Senior Officials representatives

Applicants may be required to provide additional information or take part in an interview if required by the panel.

Successful applicants will be notified no later than Friday 29 November 2019.

More information

For more information about the Scholarship, please contact the SLSA Participation Manager: Julien Palmer – jpalmer@slsa.asn.au

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