



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular (48/23-24)

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Powercraft operators play a vital role in Surf Life Saving Sport. The Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Powercraft Scholarship Program aligns with the SLSA Participant Development Pathway, ensuring Powercraft operators are trained and supported to continue their Powercraft progression. The Scholarship Program will increase opportunities and create a progressive pathway for our aspiring Powercraft operators.

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

Powercraft Scholarship Program Criteria

1. **Experience:** Applicants must have a record of good performance and commitment operating Powercraft at branch and/or state level events.
2. **Qualifications:** Applicants must have a valid Powercraft accreditation (IRB and/or RWC).
3. **Support from Branch or State:** A statement of support must be provided by a senior member of the applicant's Branch or State Surf Sports Committee or equivalent.
4. **Ongoing Participation:** The Powercraft Scholarship Program runs for a two-year duration. The applicants must be committed to the two-year program duration*.
5. **Eligibility:** You will be deemed ineligible if you have provided Powercraft one or more years support at The Aussies. If you have provided Powercraft support at *more* than one Aussies in the past, you will be ineligible to apply for the scholarship for Aussies.

What is included in the Powercraft Scholarship?

SLSA will create a schedule for two (2) scholarship recipients to maximise learning and development opportunities through appointed mentors, exposure to carnival set up, carnival meetings and meal with the selectors panel and senior Powercraft operators.

SLSA will cover reasonable expenses for the two (2) successful scholarship recipients as outlined below;

First Year: Reimbursement of travel/accommodation related expenses for the event to the value of up to \$500 each.

Second Year: Reimbursement of travel/accommodation related expenses to the event to the value of up to \$200 each.

Any other costs associated with Powercraft will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.



Expectations of Scholarship recipients

*Scholarship recipients must be available to provide Powercraft support at The Aussies for the duration of the event or for one of the options outlined below:

Option 1: Youth and Masters events from 13 - 16 April 2024

Option 2: Masters and Open events from 15 – 21 April 2024

Option 3: Youth, Masters and Open events from 13 – 21 April 2024

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

How to apply for the Powercraft Scholarship Program?

Applications can be submitted via the online application form:

[Powercraft Scholarship Online Application Form](#)

Applications close on Monday 19th February, 2024.

How will Scholarship recipients be selected?

The Powercraft Scholarship Panel comprising of SLSA representatives, will perform an objective evaluation of valid applications.

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

If successful, all applicants must (*if not nominated already*) nominate for a role through the appointment process. Powercraft operators who have already nominated for a role, are most welcome to nominate for the scholarship program, providing eligibility is met.

Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 23rd February, 2024.

More information

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