

SLSNSW 18-25 Program

28-30 November 2025

Expressions of Interest



Overview

The 18–25 Program is a dynamic, hands-on experience designed to connect young adults in Surf Life Saving, expand their understanding of opportunities within the organisation, and support both personal and professional growth.

Over three high-energy days, participants will explore diverse pathways and form lasting connections with like-minded lifesavers from across the state.

This isn't your typical sit-and-listen program - it's immersive, inspiring, and action-packed. From frontline roles to behind-the-scenes contributions, participants will discover the breadth of possibilities available in Surf Life Saving, far beyond traditional positions and awards. Whether you're just starting out or ready to take the next step, this experience will help you uncover your strengths, ignite your passions, and shape your own journey in Surf Life Saving.

Program Details

Venue: The YHA at the Rocks, 110 Cumberland St, The Rocks NSW 2000
Travel: Travel and accommodation will be coordinated by SLSNSW
Date: Friday 28 November 2025 (3:00pm) – Sunday 30 November 2025 (finishing around lunch)
OR
Friday 17 April 2026 (3.00pm) – Sunday 19 April 2026 (finishing around lunch)

Participant selection

We are looking for participants who are aged 18-25 (*at the time of the program*) who want to connect with fellow young lifesavers from across the state to explore exciting pathways in Surf Life Saving.

Participants need to be endorsed by their club; however, the final selection will be by SLSNSW. Only SLSNSW program volunteers and staff will see responses to the questions asked in the application form. Clubs and branches will be provided with the names of applicants only.

Consideration will be given to participant diversity when making selection decisions.

Participant fee

While this program is predominantly funded by SLSNSW, a nominal participant fee of \$300 is required, payable by the club on behalf of the participants. By contributing to the program cost, the club and/or branch are demonstrating joint investment in providing experiences for their young members that promote engagement and retention.

The fee covers all expenses across the weekend, including flights, meals, transport and accommodation on Friday and Saturday night in a shared dormitory room. Full attendance is a requirement for all participants at all sessions, and for Sydney locals, accommodation will also be provided and parking costs reimbursed.

How to apply

If you are interested in and eligible for this program, we encourage you to apply. [Please complete the application form online.](#)

The application asks you three short questions to help us ensure the program meets the needs of participants.

What	When	
	November 2025 Program	April 2026 Program
Applications close	Monday 20 October 2025 (9am)	Monday 09 March 2026
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Clubs and/or branches engaged in prioritisation if required	20-27 October 2025	9-16 March 2026
Applicants notified of outcome	Monday 27 October 2025	Monday 16 March 2026
Applicant acceptance	Monday 3 November 2025 (9am)	Monday 23 March 2026 (9am)

If applicants have not confirmed their acceptance by the acceptance date above, their space will be offered to another participant.

If you are unsuccessful in your application for the November 2025 program, you will be added to the waitlist for the April 2026 program.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the program, please don't hesitate to contact Claire Bevis, Membership Manager (cbevis@surflifesaving.com.au).