

# NNSWF Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Talented Referee Scholarship **Guidelines**

**Application Form:** [2022/2023 Talented Indigenous Referee Scholarship](#)

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## About the Northern NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Referee Scholarship

The Northern NSW Football Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Referee Scholarship (the Scholarship) is an initiative of Northern NSW Football (NNSWF), which has been established to provide funding assistance for two (2) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees to attend a 2023 NNSWF Talented Match Official Camp (TMOC) and become part of the 2023 NNSWF Referee Academy.

The Scholarship provides support, as below, for up to two (2) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees. The two (2) scholarships will be awarded to one (1) metro based male, and one (1) regional based male.

The Scholarship will provide assistance (per referee) as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Hunter Region</b>	<b>Regional NNSW</b>
<b>Match Official Registration Fee</b>	\$162.50	\$162.50
<b>Football Boot Allowance</b>	\$200	\$200
<b>Talented Match Official Camp</b>	\$600	\$600
<b>NNSWF Referee Academy Fees</b>	\$600	\$600
<b>Travel Assistance</b>	NA	\$400

Referees will receive ongoing support from NNSWF's Referees Manager and Female Participation and Inclusion Officer. Northern NSW Football will further develop the key knowledge and skills of the successful Applicants through distribution of resources and ongoing coaching.

The successful Applicant will be required to complete the Scholarship by 31 December 2023.

## **Strategic Goals**

The Scholarship addresses the following Northern NSW Football Strategic Goals:

### NNSWF Focus Area: Participating

- Significantly increase the number and competency of match officials throughout Northern NSW
- Address why participants leave the game and implement initiatives which will make the game more inclusive and accessible by addressing the barriers to initial participation

### NNSWF Focus Area: FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

- Promote the benefits of females fulfilling leadership roles including coaching, governance, administration, and refereeing

The Scholarship addresses the following FFA Principles:

### FFA XI Principles

Principle I: Build a consistent and strong identity for Australian football which inspires all Australians:

- Connect with our Indigenous heritage and our diverse history;
  - Develop a clear plan for the development and growth of Indigenous football that creates opportunities in football for Indigenous talent whilst also making meaningful contribution to reconciliation

Principle IV: Resetting and rebuilding Australian football products

- Support those that support the game
  - Our referees and match officials make a significant contribution to the quality of the domestic football product and more must be done to support their growth and development
  - Referees, match officials, administrators, club officials, volunteers and all other relevant personnel must be provided with appropriate support to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of competitions

Principle VI: Create world class environments for coach and referee development

- Provide more focused support for match officials
  - Increase opportunities for continued professional development of referees and match officials
  - More emphasis must be placed on encouraging women and girls to take up opportunities to become referees and match officials
- Build a deeper understanding of the coach and referee development ecosystem in Australian football
  - Increase the number of coaches and referees by removing the barriers to education, especially for women and Indigenous Australians

### **Scholarship Objectives**

The objectives of the Program are:

1. Increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees;
2. Improve the standard of referees throughout NSW;
3. Increase opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees to engage in professional development
4. Identify and showcase the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees who have potential to work at the highest level of the game; and
5. Showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees as role models for the next generation of referees

### **Who is Eligible to Apply for the Scholarship?**

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander referees who are registered as a referee within the national [PlayFootball](#) registration system in 2022 and who intend to register in 2023.
- Age requirements:
  - Turning between 16 and 19 in the 2023 calendar year



## Who is Ineligible to Apply for the Scholarship?

- Referees with a non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.
- Individuals who are not registered within the national [PlayFootball](#) registration system to a NNSWF Club/Zone. This includes but not limited to:
  - Referees at an association who is affiliated to another Member Federation;

## Assessment Process

An initial eligibility assessment will be undertaken to determine that:

- The Applicant is eligible to apply;
- The application meets the Scholarship criteria and is submitted by the closing date.

A panel of representatives from NNSWF's Referee department will assess the merit of all eligible applications and score each applicant against the assessment criteria.

The NNSWF Referee Manager and Female Participation and Inclusion Officer will assess recommendations from the panel and approve the distribution of the Scholarships.

## Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed on merit and scored against the following criteria:

- Current registered match official
- Refereeing history
- Technical assessment if deemed necessary by NNSWF's Referee Department
- Minimum Level 3 Referee Accreditation;
- A Letter of Support from the Member Zone or Association the applicant plans to officiate at in 2023;
- An outline of how the applicant wishes to progress as a referee over the next 5 years

## Scholarship Time Frame

NNSWF will open applications for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Referee Scholarship on 29 November 2022 and close on 16 December 2022.



Successful Applicants will be announced in January 2023.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe</b>
<b>Stage 1</b>	Match Official Registration Fee	2023
<b>Stage 2</b>	Talented Match Official Camp	TBC Pending Competition Dates
<b>Stage 3</b>	NNSWF Referee Academy Fees	2023

The Scholarship time frame is at the absolute discretion of NNSWF.

### **How to Apply**

1. Visit [www.northernnswfootball.com.au](http://www.northernnswfootball.com.au) for information about the Scholarship and determine if you're eligible to apply.
2. Complete the online application
3. Submit the application by 16 December 2022

### **Notification**

Applicants will receive an email to confirm that the application has been submitted successfully.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing, with details of how to accept the Scholarship.

Applicants who are unsuccessful will also be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

### **Payment of Scholarship**

Successful Applicants will be required to enter into a Scholarship agreement.

Scholarship agreements must be signed and sent back to Northern NSW Football before the Scholarship can commence.



Payment of the Scholarship is triggered by the selection of the recipient for the respective stages as outlined above. Selection for progression through stages is determined by performance and reassessed at the end of each stage. If, at any time during the scholarship, the recipient is assessed and determined not to proceed to the next stage, the Scholarship will terminate.

With the exception of the football boot allowance, at no stage during the Scholarship will Northern NSW Football provide cash amounts to recipients. Payment of scholarship amounts will occur directly by Northern NSW Football on behalf of the scholarship recipients.

Scholarships must be completed by 31 December 2023.

### **Disclaimer**

The submission of an application does not guarantee a Scholarship.

### **Privacy Policy**

NNSWF will collect and store the information the Applicant voluntarily provides to enable processing of the application. Any information provided by the Applicant will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions.

NNSWF is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. NNSWF collects the minimum personal information to enable it to contact an Applicant and to assess the merits of an application.

Applicants must ensure that people and member clubs whose personal details are supplied with applications are aware that NNSWF is being supplied with this information and how this information will be used.

### **Disclosure of Scholarship Information**

Information submitted in the application will be shared with the NNSWF representatives and assessors. Should your application be successful NNSWF may wish to provide certain information to the media for promotional purposes. This information will include name, Member Zone, and refereeing history. The contact details supplied by the Applicant may also be provided.





## **Important Notes**

The capacity to efficiently assess an application is conditional upon the Applicant submitting a complete and accurate application. Applications may be deemed ineligible if all information is not provided.

Apart from organisational and Applicant contact details, information provided in applications cannot be changed after the closing date.

## **Further Information**

Please direct enquiries about referee camps, courses, and registrations to:

- NNSWF Referee Manager – 02 4941 7200

Please direct enquiries about the Scholarship to:

- NNSWF Female Participation and Inclusion Officer – 02 4941 7200