

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

Application Form: [2023/2024 Talented Indigenous Player Scholarship](#)

Application Opening Date: 24 November 2023

Application Closing Date: 22 December 2023



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## **About the Northern NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Player Scholarship**

The Northern NSW Football Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Player Scholarship (the Scholarship) is an initiative of Northern NSW Football (NNSWF), which has been established to provide funding assistance to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander players in the player development pathway.

The Scholarship provides support, as outlined below, for up to four (4) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players. The four (4) scholarships will be awarded to two (2) male players and two (2) female players.

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Per Player</b>
<b>Talented Support Program (Cycle 1)</b>	Up to \$150
<b>Talented Support Program (Cycle 2)</b>	Up to \$100
<b>Talented Support Program (Cycle 3)</b>	Up to \$100
<b>Talented Support Program (Cycle 4)</b>	Up to \$100



## **Strategic Goals**

The Scholarship addresses the following Northern NSW Football Strategic Goals:

### NNSWF Strategic Pillar: Enjoyable Football Experience

- Minimise barriers to participation to ensure an accessible and inclusive Football ecosystem.

### NNSWF Strategic Pillar: Talent Development For All

- Provide clear and comprehensive talent pathways for all participants.
- Enhance the identification and development of elite talent.

This Scholarship addresses the following FA Principles:

### FA 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

## **Scholarship Objectives**

The objectives of the Program are:

1. Reduce barriers for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander players in the Talented Player Pathway;
2. Increase opportunities for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander players to engage in player development; and
3. Identify and support the next generation of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander players who have potential to play at the highest level of the game



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

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Players who are registered as a Player within the national [PlayFootball](#) registration system and who intend to register in 2024.
- Age requirement:
  - Boys turning 13 - 16 in the 2024 calendar year<sup>1</sup>
  - Girls turning 13 - 17 in the 2024 calendar year<sup>2</sup>

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

- Players with a non-Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander background.
- Players who are playing for A-League Academies
- Players who are not registered within the national [PlayFootball](#) registration system to a NNSWF Zone/Club. This includes but not limited to:
  - Players registered at club 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 Talent Development department will assess the merit of all eligible applications and score each applicant against the assessment criteria.

The NNSWF Technical Director and Female Participation & 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 player

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<sup>1</sup> Age groups aligned to the FA National Youth Championships Tournament and are at the discretion of Football Australia

<sup>2</sup> Age groups aligned to the FA National Youth Championships Tournament and are at the discretion of Football Australia



- Playing history
- Technical assessment if deemed necessary by NNSWF's Technical Department
- Player reference provided by Regional or Premier club Technical Director (or technical lead)

### **Scholarship Time Frame**

NNSWF will open applications for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Player Scholarship on 24 November 2023 and close on 22 December 2023.

Successful Applicants will be announced in January 2024.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Talent Support Program (Cycle 1)</b>	Up to \$150 (up to \$100 for TSP Program Fees and up to \$50 for kit costs)	Jan 2024
<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Talent Support Program (Cycle 2)</b>	Up to \$100	April 2024
<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>Talent Support Program (Cycle 3)</b>	Up to \$100	June 2024
<b>Stage 4</b>	<b>Talent Support Program (Cycle 4)</b>	Up to \$100	October 2024

The Scholarship time frame is based on the 2023/2024 schedule of events. The Scholarship time frame is subject to change and 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 are eligible to apply
2. [Complete the online application](#)
3. Submit the application by 22 December 2023



## **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.

At no stage during the scholarship will Northern NSW Football provide cash amounts to scholarship recipients. Payment of scholarship amounts will occur directly by Northern NSW Football on behalf of scholarship recipients.

Scholarships must be completed by 31 December 2024.

## **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 club, and coaching 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 the Scholarship to:

- NNSWF Female Participation and Inclusion Officer – 02 4941 7200