

**LONE STAR
Talented Athlete
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2011 - 2012**



Closing Date: 23rd September 2011

All Enquiries: 02 6847 3638



Communities
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FWAS Lone Star Scholarship Program

2011 - 12

The FWAS Lone Star Program is designed to provide assistance and support to talented young athletes to enhance their opportunity of competing at a higher level.

Individual athlete scholarships are available to talented youth who reside in the far west region of NSW. The scholarship program offers athletes financial assistance to compete in high level competition as well as education and support services such as personal development, nutrition and sports psychology.

Scholarships will be awarded based on performances by the athlete at national, state or regional level over the past twelve months.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Far West based athletes may be offered a scholarship in 2011-12 based on their recent performances, rankings and recommendations from respective State sporting organisations.

The athlete must

- be aged between 13 and 18 years in 2012 (ie born between 1994 – 1999);
- be involved in individual or team sport;
- reside within the following local government areas: Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Lachlan (Tottenham and Lake Cargelligo), Narromine (Trangie) Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle (Coonabarabran) and the Un-incorporated Far West;
- participate in a sport which is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission;
- be registered, affiliated or have reciprocal rights with the recognised state body of their chosen sport in NSW;
- have satisfactory class work and attendance records at school / TAFE or work; and
- be prepared to attend all additional athlete development opportunities which are offered by the FWAS or other regional academies.

NB. Athletes who are eligible to apply for a FWAS squad program are ineligible for a Lone Star Scholarship.

Conditions of Scholarship

The athlete must:

- be committed and prepared to work toward representing their sport at a state or national level;
- be committed to a holistic approach to athlete development, both on and off the field;
- maintain an appropriate performance standard at regional and state competitions to continue to receive scholarship support;
- not take or use performance enhancing drugs or illegal drugs or participate in other activities that are prohibited by the FWAS Code of Conduct;
- behave and dress in a professional and dignified manner when representing your sport and the FWAS;
- comply with the training requirements of your sport as prescribed by nominated coaching staff and respond in a positive manner to any suggestions or criticism;
- be required to submit activity statements monthly outlining their activities during the scholarship period (a standard report form will be provided by the academy to complete).

Scholarship Benefits

- Athletes may be offered funding assistance which will range from \$500 to \$1500 per annum to assist with expenses incurred in gaining access to higher quality competition, training and facilities.
- The FWAS will conduct education days/sessions for all 2011-12 scholarship recipients at a central venue in the far west region (predominantly Warren). These sessions will aim to provide development opportunities to athletes often focusing on core skills and 'off-field' skills such as nutrition, media liaison, sports psychology etc. Athletes will be required to complete a fitness assessment and participate in practical and theoretical development sessions. It is anticipated the first education day will be held in November.
- Athletes will gain access to squad activities conducted by the FWAS or other regional academies where available.
- Athletes will receive a FWAS uniform kit which will include a polo shirt, water bottle and socks. (An academy tracksuit top can be purchased by the athlete).
- Monthly communication with the FWAS Development Officer to review training program and competition activities and access to support required to meet program needs.
- Access to development opportunities provided by the State sporting organisation where available.

Scholarship Payments

Payments will be divided into three payments over the 12 months of the scholarship term. The draft payment schedule is as follows (though this may vary):

- November 2011
- April 2012
- June 2012

All payments will be conditional upon the athlete meeting the Conditions of Scholarship noted above. Failure to do this may result in termination of the scholarship.

Application process:

- Post original forms to **FWAS by Friday 23rd September 2011** (*faxes will not be accepted*)
- The application form must be signed by the athlete and a parent or guardian. (*if the athlete is under 18 years*).
- Athletes are required to supply recent school / TAFE records showing scholastic achievement levels and attendance records. (This may be in the form of a letter or school report). Please note this is to show the selection panel the athlete's commitment/attendance rather than academic performance. Any other documentation supporting your sporting achievements is also welcomed.
- The application will be assessed by your State sporting organisation to confirm that you are an affiliated member who has reached state age standard competition level.
- The application will be assessed by the Western Region Department of Education to confirm your performance level within the state school sports competition level.
- The FWAS Lone Star Selection Panel will review all applications on merit and make selections based on information received and gathered from State sporting organisations.
- All applicants will be advised in writing as to the success of their application.
- The funding amount will be determined by the FWAS Lone Star Selection Panel in accordance with feedback from State sporting organisations.

Selection Process

- Applications will be assessed by a FWAS Lone Star selection panel which will be comprised of representatives from 3 of the following organisations:
 - Western Region School Sports Association
 - Far West Academy of Sport
 - Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprises
 - New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS)
 - An Independent selected by the FWAS

Submitting your application

Make sure all sections of the form are completed and signed by you and your parent / guardian.
Refer to the Checklist at the back of this package as a guide.

Return the forms to:

Far West Academy of Sport
Lone Star Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 409
Warren NSW 2824

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**FAR WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT
LONE STAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2011 - 2012 Application Form**

All details in this section must be completed

PERSONAL DETAILS

PARENT / GUARDIAN DETAILS

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (H): _____

Phone (W): _____

Phone (H): _____

Phone (M): _____

Phone (M): _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

COACH DETAILS

Sport: _____

Name: _____

Event: _____

Phone (H): _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Phone (W): _____

School: _____

Phone (M): _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____

Are you of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Island descent? Yes / No (please circle)

Are you from a Non-English speaking background? Yes / No (please circle)

Name of NSW Sport Association/Peak Body: _____

NSW Sport Association Contact Person: _____

NSW Schools Contact Person: _____

Local Sport Club / Association Contact Person: _____

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P.O. Box 409, Warren NSW 2824

Athlete / Player Details and History

Positions favoured _____ Years playing nominated sport: _____

Height _____ Weight _____ List other sports played _____

Brief Representative history: (major competitions, representation, camps, results from nominated sport)
Please attach any additional information to support application.

Applicant – Why would you like to receive the FWAS scholarship? _____

Endorsement – *to be completed by Applicant's local sports club:*

Name _____ Position _____

General comments _____

Parent/guardian consent

The Far West Academy of Sport is collecting the information included within this athlete package to enable processing of 2011 - 12 Lone Star Scholarships. The information collected will be provided to the selection panel, Academy staff, managers, coaches and State sporting organisations (where applicable). You are not obliged to provide the information but if the information is not provided the Academy will be unable to process your application. Any information provided by you to the Academy can be accessed by you during standard office hours and updated by writing to the Academy or by calling (02) 6847 3638. All information provided on this form and gathered throughout the program will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised Academy personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions.

Consent to disclosure

The Academy may wish to provide certain information, with your consent, to the media and Members of Parliament for promotional purposes. The information will only include the applicant's first name, surname, electorate, town and sport. Photographs, sound and video recordings (where appropriate), may also be released. If you consent to the information being disclosed, please sign below.

I consent to the above information being released for promotional purposes

Athlete signature _____

Parent/guardian signature (under 18 years) _____ Date _____

I certify that the information supplied is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I agree if successful to maintain the proposed program and conduct myself in a manner befitting my sport.

Athlete's name _____ Athlete's signature (over 18 years) _____ Date _____

Parent / Guardian name _____ Parent / Guardian signature (under 18 years) _____ Date _____

PERFORMANCE AND REPRESENTATIVE DETAILS

Please indicate the highest level at which you have represented in the past 2 years. (You may need to attach additional support information to this form)

Australia NSW NSW Country Regional Zone (Please tick)

List your performances in all major competitions attended during the past 12 months. Place particular emphasis on those performances at Regional, State, National and International events. Please indicate whether in any of these performances you achieved a personal best.

Date	Competition and location	Event	N ^o . Participants competing	N ^o . Countries competing	Placing	Category division	Time/Score/Distance etc.	Best Performance*

* Please rank in order what you consider to be your best performance (1-5, 1 being your best).

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**FAR WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT
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Application Check List**

- Completed Application Form
- Completed Athlete/Player Details and History
- Signed and completed the following (parents signature required if athlete under 18 years)
 - 1. Parent/Guardian Consent (on Athlete Details and History form) *Yes/No*
 - 2. Consent to Disclosure (on Athlete Details and History form) *Yes/No*
- Completed the performance and representative details table
- Attached the following documents to support my application
 - 1. School/TAFE/Work report *Yes/No*
 - 2. Letter of support from school (principal, year advisor or sports coordinator) *Yes / No*
 - 3. Letter of support from current coach *Yes / No*
 - 4. Letter of support from local club/association *Yes / No*
- Provided any other documentation that may support my application
- Submitted the application by post by Friday 23rd September 2011