

Level Up Scholarship 2022 Guideline

The Level Up Scholarship offers Western Australian female Swimming WA coaches a scholarship to register and complete the requirements* for a Development, Advanced or Performance accreditation between July – December 2022. The scholarship will be offered to successful applicants to subsidize the course cost of one of the following course:

- Development Coach Course;
- Advance Coach Course or;
- Performance Coach Course.

*Refer to Responsibilities and Accountabilities section.

The aim of the scholarship is to:

- Support the education and development of coaches
- Increase in the number of accredited female coaches in WA
- Increase the number of female coaches in pathways and high performance coaching roles leading to improved opportunities for female coaches to be selected onto HP teams.

Eligibility

Applicants must demonstrate ability and/or evidence towards the following criteria to apply for the scholarship:

- Identify as female
- Aged 18 years or over
- Be a Swimming WA member
- Be a current Swimming Australia accredited coach member (applicants applying for Advanced and Performance course scholarships only)
- Meet the course prerequisites:
 - o Development: must have held a Teacher of Competitive Swimming qualification for a minimum of 6 months (Swim Australia Teacher of Competitive Swimming or AUSTSWIM Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes)
 - o Advanced: must have held Swimming Australia Development Accreditation for a minimum of 12 months
 - o Performance: must have held Swimming Australia Advanced Accreditation for a minimum of 24 months
- Be in good standing with Swimming WA and Swimming Australia
- Be actively coaching/teaching with a WA affiliated club
- Applications must be submitted by the due date to be considered for the scholarship
- Applications must be made via the online application form
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a willingness to further their coaching
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate commitment and responsibility for their coaching development.

Amounts and Selections

- The total number amounts of each scholarship will be determined by the candidate's application and the number of successful applications.
- The selections and amounts are at the discretion of Swimming WA
- All applicants will be notified of the Swimming WA decision via email as specified on the candidates application.

Process

- Swimming WA will advertise for scholarship applications
- The Selection Panel will consist of the Swimming WA CEO, Swimming WA Coach and Official Development Manager, Swimming Australia General Manager - Coach Development and ASCTA WA Chair (or allocated representative).
- The selection of applicants will be determined from the applications provided, at the discretion of the selection panel.
- Successful coaches will be contacted directly via email confirming the scholarship within 14 days of the application deadline.

Cancellation of Scholarship

The scholarship may be cancelled via the following means:

- Coach initiated – A coach wishing to withdraw from the scholarship may do so at any time by informing the Swimming WA Coach and Official Development Manager in writing
- Swimming WA initiated – A coach's scholarship may be suspended or terminated where he or she breaches the Swimming WA Coach Code of Conduct or does not meet the course requirements. In each instance, the Swimming WA Coach and Official Development Manager confirm cancellation of scholarship in writing to the coach.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Swimming WA:

- The Swimming WA Coach and Official Development Manager is responsible for the overall coordination of the scholarship nominations and selection process
- Swimming WA will release half of the awarded monies to the successful applicant upon course registration and the remaining amounts upon receiving evidence they have met the required outcomes by the 20th December 2022.

Scholarship Recipient:

- Development: register and complete the accreditation level before 20th December 2022. Note: the next WA workshop is scheduled for the 29th October.
- Advanced: register and complete the online modules (excluding mentorship) and workshops before 20th December 2022. Note: Swimming WA will host face to face workshops for WA Advance coach candidates to attend 21-23rd October.
- Performance: registered for and completed the online component of the online modules and at least one of the workshops before 20th December 2022.
- Scholarship holders must provide evidence of completion of the items outlined above before 20th December 2022 to be eligible for reimbursements.