

Regional Coach Scholarship 2023-24 Guideline

The Regional Coach Scholarship offers Swimming WA coaches and teachers to complete the requirements* for a Swimming Australia coach accreditation (between 1st July 2023 – 30th April 2024). The scholarship will be offered to successful applicants to subsidize the costs of the course/workshop.

*Refer to Responsibilities and Accountabilities section.

The aim of the scholarship is to:

- Support the education and development of regional coaches and;
- Increase in the number of Swimming Australia accredited coaches in regional WA.

Eligibility

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

- Aged 17 years or over.
- Be a Swimming WA Coach or Teacher member.
- Applicants must enroll in the accreditation program between the 1st July 2023 – 31st Dec 2023 and meet the course prerequisites:
 - Development: must have held a Swim Australia Teacher of Competitive Swimming or AUSTSWIM Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes for a minimum of 6 months by December 2023
 - Advanced: must have held Swimming Australia Development accreditation for a minimum of 12 months. This 12 month deadline can land, at a minimum, between July – December 2023 if the applicant has not already exceeded this period.
- Be in good standing with Swimming WA and Swimming Australia.
- Be actively coaching/teaching with a regional WA affiliated club.
- Applications must be submitted by the due date to be considered for the scholarship via the online application form.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate commitment and responsibility for their coaching development.
- All eligible candidates are encouraged to apply but preference may be given to the candidates who did not receive this scholarship during 2022-2023 season.

Amounts and Selections

- The total number and funds allocated to each scholarship will vary between regions.
- The selections and amounts are at the discretion of Swimming WA and the selection committee.
- All applicants will be notified of the Swimming WA decision via email as specified on the candidate's application.

Process

- Swimming WA will advertise for scholarship applications.
- The Selection Panel will consist of the Swimming WA General Manager of Participation and Membership, Swimming WA Coach and Official Development Manager, Regional Coordinator (or allocated representative), Regional DGLSC Representative (where possible) and independent representative from the coaching community.
- 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 receipt of evidence of course registration and the remaining amounts upon receiving evidence they have met the required outcomes by the 30th April 2024.

Scholarship Recipient:

- Development coach candidates: register and complete the accreditation level before 30th April 2024.
- Advanced coach candidates: register and complete the online modules (excluding mentorship) and workshops before 30th April 2024.
- Scholarship holders must provide evidence of course registration and completion of the items outlined above before 30th April 2024 to be eligible for the scholarship reimbursements.
- Scholarship recipients must attend a minimum of one Swimming WA coach professional development activity during the 2023-2024 season.