RugbyWA First Nations Futures Scholarship

The RugbyWA First Nations Futures Scholarship is proudly supported by SEDA College WA

The Purpose: First Nations Participation and Leadership in Rugby

By providing scholarship opportunities, RugbyWA and SEDA College WA aim to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who are passionate about rugby and committed to their educational journey.

The scholarship is designed to support students to achieve their educational goals while building confidence, leadership skills and strong community connections through rugby. Guided by RugbyWA's values of **Teamwork, Excellence and Respect**, the scholarship will encourage participants to reach their full potential, celebrate culture and contribute positively to their communities.

The Scholarship

Scholarship recipients will receive:

Scholarship Value: Up to $5,000 per year towards SEDA College WA student fees in Year 11 and Year 12.

- Opportunities to engage with RugbyWA development programs, events and community initiatives.
- Mentoring and personal development opportunities that support educational, sporting and career aspirations.

The Criteria

Applicants must meet the below scholarship criteria:

- Apply and be eligible to enrol at SEDA College WA at the commencement of Year 11.
- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Have a demonstrated interest or involvement in rugby, either as a player, coach, referee, volunteer or supporter.
- Demonstrate commitment to RugbyWA's values of **Teamwork, Excellence and Respect**.
- Demonstrate leadership, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning.
- Be able to explain how the scholarship would support their educational and personal development journey.

The Application

Applicants are required to provide a video (maximum five minutes) or written submission (maximum two A4 pages) addressing:

1. Your Rugby Journey

Reflecting on your involvement in rugby, how has the sport contributed to your personal growth and development? Consider confidence, teamwork, resilience, leadership, communication and learning experiences.

2. Learning and Growth

Everyone learns differently. Describe how you learn best and how participation in rugby has helped you develop skills, confidence and strategies that support your success in education and life.

3. Role Models

Who is a role model that inspires you and why?

This could be a family member, Elder, community leader, teacher, coach, teammate or public figure. Describe how they have influenced your values, goals or approach to overcoming challenges.

4. Culture, Community and Opportunity

Why is it important to create more opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in sport?

Consider the benefits for individuals, families, communities and future generations. How can rugby help strengthen connection, build confidence and create positive pathways?

5. Living the values

Provide an example of how you demonstrate RugbyWA's values of **Teamwork, Excellence and Respect** through sport, school or community involvement.

Complete and submit the RugbyWA First Nations Futures Scholarship Application Form.