RugbyWA Strength Through Adversity Rugby Scholarship

The RugbyWA Strength Through Adversity Rugby Scholarship is proudly supported by SEDA College WA

The Purpose: Strength Through Adversity Rugby

By providing scholarship opportunities, RugbyWA and SEDA College WA aim to support young people who have demonstrated resilience, determination and perseverance in the face of significant challenges.

The scholarship is designed to support students to achieve their educational goals while recognising the strength they have shown through personal adversity. Whether overcoming illness, family hardship, social challenges or other barriers, recipients will be empowered to continue their education and personal development through the positive influence of rugby.

Guided by RugbyWA's values of **Teamwork, Excellence and Respect**, the scholarship will celebrate young people who have shown courage through difficult circumstances and who continue to strive to reach their full potential both on and off the field.

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.
- Access to a supportive network that encourages personal growth, wellbeing and ongoing participation in rugby and education.

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.
- 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 resilience and perseverance in overcoming personal challenges or adversity.
- Show a positive attitude towards learning, personal growth and future opportunities.
- 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 and Inspiration

Who is a role model that inspires you and why?

This could be someone from sport, your family, school or community. Describe how they have influenced your outlook, values and approach to overcoming challenges.

4. Strength Through Adversity

Describe a challenge or obstacle you have faced in your life and how you worked through it.

This may relate to illness, family hardship, social challenges or other personal circumstances. What did you learn from this experience, and how has it shaped the person you are today?

5. Living the values

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

Complete and submit the RugbyWA Emerging Leaders Scholarship Application Form.