UWA Sports Student Athlete Bursaries Procedures

Summary of Program

At the University of Western Australia, sport plays a central role in the lives of students. From social netballers to Olympic swimmers, we encourage our students to take an active part in discovering, pursuing and reaching their full potential.

The Sports Bursaries program provides the foundations to build a comprehensive support structure for elite, and high performing student athletes here at UWA. The program has assisted a number of athletes across various sports, contributing to costs associated with equipment, professional development and competition.

With the Student Athlete Development Program in place, other service support will be provided to bursary recipients. This will include Student Athlete workshops, timetable and exam deferral support and discounted gym membership.

Applicants may nominate for more than one category.

Categories:

1) **Convocation Bursaries (Male and Female)**
   The Convocation Bursary is the highest ranking award in the program and is awarded to the most outstanding elite male and female athletes amongst the nominees. The Bursary is open to all current UWA students, including non-club members. The Bursary is taken from previous athlete scholarship models and aims to keep in place a long standing collaboration between the Convocation Council, the University and UWA Sport. An even $1000 is contributed by all three parties, making up a total bursary amount of $3000.

2) **WM Nunn Bursary**
   Open to all current first year UWA students, including non-club members. The Bursary is awarded in recognition of UWA Student Athlete Wally Marshall Nunn. Nunn won four full blue awards across the sports of athletics, rugby, swimming and rowing. To this date no other student athlete has received four full blues across differing sports while representing the University of Western Australia. Total bursary sum is $1500.

3) **Indigenous Athlete Bursary**
   Open to all current Indigenous students at UWA. The Indigenous athlete bursary was added in the 2016 pilot program to recognise the achievements of Indigenous student athletes within UWA. Total bursary amount is $1000. (Consultation with School of Indigenous Studies)
Applications

Applications for all Bursary’s are made by current UWA students via an online web form. [http://www.sport.uwa.edu.au/competitive-sport/elite-athletes](http://www.sport.uwa.edu.au/competitive-sport/elite-athletes)

Applications open: (Monday 24th June 2019)

Applications close: (Friday 26th July 2019)

The form is updated annually to reflect modifications to the program and delivered to the email inbox of the clubs department.

The applicant receives an automatic response after sending application and is contacted by the Student Athlete Team to clarify information if required and allocated into the appropriate category.

Selection Process

The Selection Panel is comprised of one UWA staff member, one current Sports Council Executive Committee member and one other panellist determined annually by UWA Sport in consultation with the current Sports Council Executive Committee to provide a balanced and professional input. The additional panellist may be a professional athlete, other Sports Council executive Committee member, award co-funding representative or another UWA Sport staff member.

Selection panel determined one month prior to application open date.

The Selection of the recipients will be a 2 stage process.

Stage 1:
All applications will be documented and logged by the Student Athlete Manager and arranged for review by the selection panel.

Stage 2:
The panel is to convene upon a date no later than two weeks after the application close date to determine award winners.

The selection panel is to determine each bursary recipient at their own discretion and via an overall unanimous decision. As a guide, the strength of an applicant’s nomination in portraying their key attributes in relation to the bursary’s criteria is to determine the awardees.

The panel may choose to take into account any other bursaries or scholarships the applicants may hold.

All applicants will be notified of their application outcome.
Administration

General:

UWA Sport Student Athlete Team will be responsible for the management and administration of the process.

Additional UWA teams involved are Finance and Marketing Departments.

Post students being advised of the outcome, the successful recipients will be required to attend an interview with the Student Athlete Manager (or appointed team member).

Purpose of the interview is to determine plans and goals for the coming year and review the Bursary Agreement that requires signing. This is an opportunity to involve the Marketing Department for news pieces.

Finance:

Payment to bursary recipients arranged by UWA Sport Clubs Department. Recipients to provide bank account details for UWA Finance Department to deposit sums.