

NSW Football Legacy Plan – Women’s Leadership Program

NNSWF Women’s Leadership Program Scholarship

All-Female Leadership Program 2024 – Online Learning
Content and 2-day Conference in Port Macquarie

Guidelines



Application Opening Date: Monday 18th March 2024

Application Closing Date: 12pm Tuesday 2nd April 2024



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About the NSW Football Legacy Plan

Football in NSW will receive a \$10 million boost from the NSW Government as a legacy of hosting 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup matches in NSW. The NSW Football Legacy Plan will promote football at all levels through the construction of new community facilities, participation initiatives, high performance and development programs, as well as tourism and international engagement.

The NSW Football Legacy Plan involves the following:

- Infrastructure and Participation Grant Streams
- Women in Football Scholarships for coaches, match officials and volunteers
- Daughters and Dads Football specific program
- Women’s Leadership Program and,
- The NAIDOC Cup

About the Women’s Leadership Program

The Women’s Leadership Program (the Program) is an initiative of Northern NSW Football (NNSWF), which has been established under the NSW Football Legacy Plan to provide the opportunity for female leaders in football, aspiring and established, to partake in a unique development opportunity.

The Program provides the opportunity for up to 25 women to complete an online leadership course developed by Football Australia (FA) and attend a 2-day Women’s Leadership Conference in Port Macquarie, on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May, 2024 on a NNSWF Scholarship valued at up to \$2,250.

Each scholarship includes access to the online learning content, conference attendance, and financial assistance for travel and accommodation where required.

Successful applicants will be required to attend and complete online content as well as the 2-day face-to-face Conference hosted in Port Macquarie.



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Applicants will need to complete the online application form which will require a letter of support from their NNSWF affiliated club/Member Zone/organisation. It is recommended that, where possible, applicants also include a letter of support from their employer.

Strategic Goals

This Scholarship addresses the following Northern NSW Football Strategic Goals:

- Establish a football environment that encourages and drives female participation
- Minimise barriers to participation to ensure an accessible and inclusive football ecosystem
- Promote development and provide support for non-playing roles

Scholarship Objectives

The objectives of the Program are:

1. Support women who are in a position to have strong, positive influences on the game to do so;
2. Provide visibility of women in leadership and influential roles within football;
3. Increase opportunities for women in football to engage in professional development; and
4. Identify and support the next generation of female leaders who have potential to work at the highest level of the game.

Member Club Support Requirements

All Applicants are required to provide evidence that the application has the support of their NNSWF affiliated Member Zone, Club, Referee Branch, Board, and/or employer, with willingness to ensure appropriate opportunities for development throughout 2024.

Who is Eligible to Apply for the Scholarship?

Females aged 18 years or over who reside in northern NSW, in either a volunteer or paid capacity as:



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- an employee of Northern NSW Football or Member Zone; OR
- a current member of a Zone Board or Standing Committee; OR
- a registered Player, Coach, Referee, Volunteer, Committee Member to a NNSWF affiliated club or Member Zone within the national PlayFootball registration system in 2024 OR
- an employee of an organisation that provides support or services directly to football (e.g. media, local council)

Who is Ineligible to Apply for the Scholarship?

- Applicants under the age of 18
- Individuals who are not engaged in a paid or volunteer capacity in ways outlined in the eligible criteria

Assessment Process

An initial eligibility assessment will be undertaken to determine that:

The Applicant is eligible to apply;

- The Applicant has the required support; and
- The application meets the Scholarship criteria and is submitted by the closing date.

A panel of representatives from NNSWF’s Football Development department will assess the merit of all eligible applications and score each applicant against the assessment criteria.

The NNSWF Legacy Plan Manager and Head of Football Development will assess recommendations from the panel and approve the distribution of the Scholarships.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed on merit and scored against the following criteria:



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1. A Letter of Support from the Club the applicant will be involved with in 2024; and a letter of support from their relevant organisation
2. History of relevant experience, specifically around leading and influencing; and
3. An outline of how the applicant wishes to progress in their relevant field over the next 5 years

Scholarship Time Frame

NNSWF will open applications for the Women’s Leadership Program on Monday 18th March 2024, and close applications 12pm Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Applicants will be notified of their outcome by 5pm Monday 15th April 2024.

The Scholarship must be completed by 31st December 2024.

The Scholarship time frame is at the absolute discretion of NNSWF.

How to Apply

1. Visit www.northernnswfootball.com.au for information about the Scholarship and determine if you’re eligible to apply.
2. Complete the [online application](#).
3. Submit the application by 12pm Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Notification

Applicants will receive an email to confirm that the application has been submitted successfully.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing, with details of how to accept the Scholarship.

Applicants who are unsuccessful will also be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.



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Payment of Scholarship

Successful Applicants will be required to enter into a Scholarship agreement. Once the Scholarship agreement has been signed, the successful applicant will be registered to attend the 2024 Women’s Leadership Program.

At no stage during the scholarship will Northern NSW Football provide cash amounts to Scholarship recipients.

The Scholarship encompasses the full value of the online learning components, registration to the Women in Leadership Conference, and Women’s Leadership Program participant pack. Each Scholarship recipient will be supported on an individual basis to discuss the needs of their travel and accommodation requirements.

If you do not meet the requirements of your scholarship agreement, it is at the discretion of NNSWF to invoice you for associated costs of your participation in the program.

If you require further details of the Scholarship agreement or the Scholarship terms and conditions, please contact Northern NSW Football Legacy Plan Team on – 02 4941 7200 or legacy@northernnswfootball.com.au

Disclaimer

The submission of an application does not guarantee a Scholarship. Any costs associated with preparing an application or completing the online content are borne by the Applicant.

Privacy Policy

NNSWF will collect and store the information the Applicant voluntarily provides to enable processing of the application. Any information provided by the Applicant will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions.



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NNSWF is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. NNSWF collects the minimum personal information to enable it to contact an Applicant and to assess the merits of an application.

Applicants must ensure that people and member clubs whose personal details are supplied with applications are aware that NNSWF is being supplied with this information and how this information will be used.

Disclosure of Scholarship Information

Information submitted in the application will be shared with the NNSWF representatives and assessors. Should your application be successful NNSWF may wish to provide certain information to the media for promotional purposes. This information will include name, member club, and history. The contact details supplied by the Applicant may also be provided.

Important Notes

The capacity to efficiently assess an application is conditional upon the Applicant submitting a complete and accurate application. Applications may be deemed ineligible if all information is not provided.

Apart from organisational and Applicant contact details, information provided in applications cannot be changed after the closing date.

Further Information

For information about the Football Australia NNSWF Women’s Leadership Program please visit: <https://www.northernnswfootball.com.au/womens-leadership-program-empower-female-football>

Please direct enquiries about an application or the Scholarship to:

- NSW Legacy Plan Workforce – 02 4941 7200
legacy@northernnswfootball.com.au



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