



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular (37/24-25)

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Safety personnel play a vital role in Surf Life Saving events. The Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Safety Scholarship Program aligns with the SLSA Participant Development Pathway, ensuring safety personnel are trained and supported to continue their progression as safety personnel. The Scholarship Program aims to increase opportunities for those members interested in this progressive pathway.

This will be achieved by providing the recipient with the opportunity to gain experience at The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (The Aussies).

Safety Scholarship Program Criteria

1. **Experience:** Applicants must have fulfilled the role as a SEMO/SEMC/ARRO at a minimum of two previous SLSA sanctioned events.
2. **Support from Branch or State:** A statement of support must be provided by a senior member of the applicant's Branch or State Surf Sports Committee or equivalent.
3. **Ongoing Participation:** The Safety Scholarship Program runs for a two-year duration. The applicants must be committed to the two-year program duration*.
4. **Eligibility:** If you have provided safety support at *more* than one Aussies in the past, you will be ineligible to apply for the scholarship for Aussies.

What is included in the Safety Scholarship?

SLSA will create a schedule for one (1) scholarship recipient to maximise learning and development opportunities through appointed mentors, exposure to carnival set up, carnival meetings and a meal with the selectors panel and senior personnel.

SLSA will cover reasonable expenses for the one (1) successful scholarship recipient as outlined below;

First Year: Reimbursement of travel related expenses for the event to the value of up to \$500 pp.

Second Year: Reimbursement of travel related expenses to the event to the value of up to \$200 pp.

Any other costs associated with the role as a safety personnel will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.



Expectations of Scholarship recipients

*Scholarship recipients must be available to provide safety support at The Aussies 2025 and The Aussies 2026. Being available for the duration of the event is preferred, however one of the options outlined below will be accepted:

Option 1: Youth and Masters events from 29 March - 1 April 2025

Option 2: Masters and Open events from 31 March – 6 April 2025

Option 3: Youth and Open events 29-30 March and 2 - 6 April 2025

Note: those appointed to Lifesaving Competition and Board Riding may be required for different dates to those noted above. 2026 dates TBC

Recipients are required to provide safety support to the best of their ability in their allocated events and prepare appropriately in advance to carry out their allocated duties.

How to apply for the Safety Scholarship Program?

Applications can be submitted via the online application form:

[Safety Scholarship Online Application Form](#)

Applications close on Wednesday 8 January 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday 15 January 2025.

How will Scholarship recipients be selected?

The Safety Scholarship Panel will perform an objective evaluation of valid applications.

Applicants may be required to provide additional information or take part in an interview

The successful applicant must nominate for a role through the [Aussies 2025 – Safety Team Nomination](#) appointment process by Friday 17 January 2025. Safety personnel who have already nominated for a role are most welcome to nominate for the scholarship program, providing eligibility is met.

More information

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