



UQ Firebirds Scholarships

(Established in 2019 and maintained by an annual gift from Queensland Firebirds and UQ Marketing and Communications).

1. Purpose

The Scholarship is to encourage and support new students who have demonstrated a passion for netball.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means an undergraduate coursework program.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided.

Chair means the Chair of the UQ Community Partnerships and Sponsorships steering committee.

Regional or Remote Student means you must have lived in a geographic region classified as –

Remoteness Area 2 (RA2)

Remoteness Area 3 (RA3)

Remoteness Area 4 (RA4)

Remoteness Area 5 (RA5)

for at least **five consecutive years**, or for at least **10 years cumulatively**.

Remoteness Areas are defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure (ASGS -RA).

Scholarship means the UQ Firebirds Scholarships

3. Award and value of scholarship

(1) Up to four Scholarships may be awarded annually on the recommendation of the Chair.

(2) The value of the Scholarship is \$5,000.

4. Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant-

- (a) submits an application by the closing date for applications;
- (d) completed year 12 in the year prior to award;
- (c) intends to enrol as a commencing student in an Approved Program in the year of award; and
- (d) can demonstrate they have played netball for school or a club, or contributed to the sport of netball through coaching or volunteering within the previous 2 year period.

5. Selection of award

(1) For the selection process, the Chair must establish a selection committee, comprising -

- (a) the Chair, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
- (b) an Academic member of the UQ Community Partnerships and Sponsorships steering committee;
- (c) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the Chair; and
- (c) a representative from Netball Queensland;

with University staff comprising the majority.

(2) The Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria -

- (a) in no particular order, preference may be given to Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Persons, students who are first in their family to attend university, or a Regional or Remote Student;
- (b) academic achievement in years 11 and 12;
- (c) achievements and commitment to the netball community;
- (d) leadership achievements and capabilities; and
- (e) demonstrated financial need.

6. Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for one year subject to the recipient -

- (a) maintaining the full-time enrolment in an Approved Program; and
- (b) achieving a minimum GPA of 4.0 in the first semester in which the Scholarship is held.

(2) The Scholarship may not be deferred

(3) A recipient who fails to meet the requirements in 6(1) must show cause to the Chair why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

7. Interruption of scholarship

Recipients may apply to interrupt the Scholarship only in exceptional circumstances as considered by the Chair.

8. Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship -

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(3);
- (b) if the recipient interrupts their study without approval; or
- (c) if the student commits serious misconduct.