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.
   - **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.