



# 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
  - (d) a representative from Netball Queensland;with University staff comprising the majority.
- (2) The Scholarships will be awarded based on the based on the following criteria
  - (a) strength of interest the applicant demonstrates in their chosen program of study as demonstrated by the short answer responses within the application;
  - (b) commitment to the netball community
  - (c) demonstrated financial need.

With the following order of preference:

- (i) Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Persons
- (ii) Regional or Remote Student
- (iii) a student who is first in their family to attend university

## 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 misconduct.