



Financial and travel assistance

Local Sporting Champion program

Young people find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly those from regional areas. The Local Sporting Champions Program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12–18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

For more information please visit the Ausport website (https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions).

Emerging Athletes Pathways

The young athletes travel subsidy aims to foster the development of young athletes and support elite athlete pathways by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending championship events. The travel subsidy provides financial assistance through 3 event tiers and supports attendance at specific state, national and international events.

Officials (such as coaches, referees and scorers) attending eligible events can also apply for assistance if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Please visit the website for information and the application process (<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/emerging-athlete-pathways>).

Sports Darling Downs Group Inc

Sports Darling Downs was established in 1999 to foster sport throughout the Darling Downs area of Queensland. The aim of Sports Darling Downs is to distribute funds to sporting individuals, teams and organisations to assist their development and to help ease the financial burden often suffered as a result of the pursuit of excellence in sport.

To access an application form visit the Sports Darling Downs Group website (<http://www.sportsdarlingdowns.org/>).

Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Students

The South West Indigenous Network (SWIN) (<http://www.swin.org.au/>) Small Grants Funding Agreement with the Government is now available. Funding is to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, teams and groups attending Sport and Recreation Carnivals. Students who represent Darling Downs School Sport teams at Queensland School Sport State Championships will be eligible to apply. Students who represent Queensland and Australia are also eligible for funding.

Applicants must reside in the following regional and shire boundaries: Toowoomba, Southern Downs, Goondiwindi, Western Downs, Maranoë, Balonne, Paroo, Murweh, Quilpie and Bulloo. Please contact the Small Grants Co-ordinator on 0438 206821 or email pathways@swin.org.au (<mailto:pathways@swin.org.au>) for more information.

Aspirations4Kids in Sport

Aspirations4Kids in Sport is an independent not-for-profit organisation that provides relief funding to assist Queensland students in need to participate in school sport. If you are experiencing financial or family hardship and need assistance for this purpose then please contact your school principal or visit the website

(<https://www.aspirations4kidsinsport.com.au/>).

Byron Foundation

The Byron Foundation was set up in 2016 to assist students reach their potential. Darling Downs School Sport is inviting applications from schools who believe students would benefit from a hand up from the Byron Foundation. Those eligible for funding are:

- enrolled in a Darling Downs School Sport school
- aged 10–19 Years
- selected in a Darling Downs or Queensland School sport team.

Schools please fill out the Byron Foundation application form (PDF, 335KB) ([/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/Parents-and-students/byron-foundation.pdf](#)) complete and return to the Darling Downs School Sport Board.

The funds are limited therefore funding will be limited to a maximum of \$100 per student.

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