**Criteria**

* All applications are to be submitted online via the website link through the Smartygrants portal.
* No applications will be accepted after the closing date of Sunday 25th August 2024
* Applicants MUST be City of Melville residents aged between 12 and 19 years of age before 1 September 2024.
* Applicants must not be related to Elected members or Staff of the City of Melville
* Elected Members, closely associated persons\* and staff of the City of Melville are ineligible apply.
* If the applicant has received a YSS in the past 2 years, they are ineligible to re-apply
* The YSS is targeted at athletes in all sports who represented the State or at a higher level.
* Athletes are to provide background information of their successful sporting pathway to date and provide information on their future sporting aspirations.
* A supporting individual written letter from the appropriate National Sporting Organisation / State Sporting Association must accompany the application. (A standard NSO or SSA congratulations letter for your team selection is not an adequate supporting letter).

**Selection Process**

* The selection panel will work through all applications and determine who will receive the scholarships
* The selection Panel is made up of City of Melville Elected Members and Officers
* All selection panel will provide Declaration of Interest where required.
* The quality and content of the application is considered by the assessment panel.
* All applications are taken on their individual merit.
* All applicants will be contacted advising of the outcome of the panel’s decision

**NOTE** There may be instances where the City receives more than one application for the same team. If a fellow team member is successful in receiving a scholarship, and you are not, it is likely:

* Your team member’s application included additional information and the quality of the application was of higher value.
* This placed the individual in a better position to be considered for a scholarship

**Our Sponsor**

The City of Melville LeisureFit Centres continues to sponsor the Youth Sports Scholarship and supports the recognised scholarship athletes.

The scholarship recipients are provided with a 1 year membership to LeisureFit Booragoon and LeisureFit Melville to complement their training regime as they continue to succeed in their chosen sport.

Membership age restrictions apply for LeisureFit memberships as per [T&Cs](https://www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/City-of-Melville-LeisureFit-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf)