



# the **DONNICA CLARKE** foundation | SCHOLARSHIPS

## INTRODUCTION:

The **DONNICA CLARKE Foundation** was established in 2007 to keep the memory of the bubbly and multi-talented teenager at the forefront of community minds. Donnica, or 'Nica' as she was affectionately known, was a dual Australian Surf Life Saving beach sprint and flags champion who died in a tragic cliff fall at North Avoca Beach on the Central Coast of NSW on April 10, 2007—aged just 16 years.

The aim of The **DONNICA CLARKE** Foundation is to offer financial, moral and 'in kind' support to young male and female athletes across all sports from the Central Coast region of NSW, Australia.

Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the foundation to deserving applicants who meet the criteria and best demonstrate their aspirations to further their sporting, personal and educational development.

**Scholarship applications open on December 1, and the closing date for applications is January 31.**

## SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- Uphold and support the ethos, aims and philosophy of the foundation.
- Act as an ambassador to further the aims of the foundation.
- Update the Foundation of their progress including results throughout the year and supply photos to use on our website
- Sign the foundation athlete agreement (this agreement stipulates the operational aspects for the expenditure of funds).

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants are required to submit an official application form and information detailing why they are in need of financial support from The **DONNICA CLARKE** Foundation.

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS:

The foundation will award a minimum of \$10,000 worth of grants annually. Successful applicants will receive a financial grant payable in two instalments. Recipients will be required to report on the expenditure of funds.

Grants can be used to offset travel to sporting events, camps and clinics; to undertake high performance training programs, tournaments and events; to cover gymnasium membership fees; to attend professional development programs and courses; to purchase performance clothing; to offset the cost of further education and other costs that may be associated with the development of the athlete.

The first instalment will be paid once the successful applicant has been announced. The second instalment will be made upon the foundation receiving a mid-year update of the applicant's progress.

It is anticipated that up to 15 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship value (financial contribution) may vary according to individual needs and circumstances. A successful applicant will receive a maximum of three years support as a scholarship holder during their eligibility term.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:

To be considered for a **DONNICA CLARKE** Foundation scholarship, applicants need to meet the following criteria:

- A current resident of either the Gosford City Council or Wyong Shire Council Local Government areas.
- An athlete that shows the potential to become a successful competitor in their chosen field.
- Between 12—25 years of age.
- Ability to uphold the high standards of the foundation.

## SCHOLARSHIP DECISION:

- The decision will be made by the foundation selection committee. The committee comprises 3 members of the DCF Board and the DCF Patrons.
- The selection committee decision is final.
- The decision of the scholarship recipients will be made in April.



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Personal Details:			
First Name:		Surname:	
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Nationality:		Shirt Size:	
Postal Address:			
Suburb:		State / Post Code:	
Home Phone:		Mobile Phone:	
Email Address:			

Education:	
Current Educational Institution / School:	
Current Year of Study / Stage:	
Anticipated Completion Date and Award: (eg. Dec 2021 HSC)	

Employment:	
Current Employer (if applicable):	
Current Position:	Full Time / Part Time:
How long have you been employed at this workplace?	

Current Living Arrangements (if yes, please provide details):		
Living in family home (eg. with parents and siblings)	Yes / No	
Full time boarder at school (please name school)	Yes / No	
Living away from family home (eg. with friends or relatives)	Yes / No	
Other (please describe)	Yes / No	

Community Service:
Are you involved with any community / not-for-profit organisations? If so, please give details:



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## Current / Past Sporting Performance:

Please complete the following to provide the foundation selection committee with a detailed summary of your sporting achievements to date.  
 \*Additional information may be attached to this application, but must not exceed one page.

Competition	Events	Results
<b>School / Club Events:</b>		
<b>District / Regional Events:</b>		
<b>State Events:</b>		
<b>National Events:</b>		

## Previous Scholarship Details:

Have you previously received any other scholarships?  
 (eg. from a University, Academy of Sport, NSWIS, AIS, Government Grant, etc.)

Yes / No

If yes, please give details of the year the scholarship/s was/were received, name of organisation, nature and benefits of scholarship and the financial (cash) contribution if any:

## Future Aspirations Outside Sport?



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## Referees:

Please supply one sporting referee and one educational referee. The DCF may make contact with your referees to assess your suitability for a scholarship.

### Sporting Referee:

Name:		Position:	
Organisation:		Contact Number:	

### Educational Referee:

Name:		Position:	
Institution:		Contact Number:	

## Declaration & Waiver:

I wish to be considered for a DONNICA CLARKE Foundation scholarship and I declare that all information submitted on this application form is correct and complete. I understand that The DONNICA CLARKE Foundation reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding awarding this scholarship on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.

I understand and agree that should this application be successful, the DCF has unconditional rights to use at its sole discretion, photographic and / or video images of me and any personal information in any form of media (eg. TV, print, radio, website, magazine, other), art, advertising, trade, visual documentary, promotional material and merchandise or film coverage without any compensation or approval required by me.

Signature of Applicant:		Date:	
Signature of Parent / Guardian (if under 18):		Date:	

## Checklist—Documentation Required for Application:

- Pages 2, 3 & 4 must be sent with support documentation
- Current and past performance support documentation
- Sporting and educational referee details included on the Application Form (page 2)
- A written statement of 300 words or less, explaining your sporting and career goals for the future and how you think that a DONNICA CLARKE Foundation scholarship may help you pursue these goals. Include any other information not included in your Application Form that you feel the selection committee should be aware of.

## Applications must be received by 31 January to:

**Mail:** Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
The Donnica Clarke Foundation  
PO Box 335  
Terrigal NSW 2260

**Email:** info@donnicac Clarke.com.au

**Fax:** (02) 4385 3155

