**2022 FOOTBALL PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

SWQ Thunder FC aims to create more opportunities for football players in our area by providing the best possible pathway for talented young footballers throughout the South West Queensland region.

The Football Player Scholarship program was introduced by Football Queensland in late 2017 to reflect the NPL Club’s commitment to excellence in football. The aim of the program is to provide young players an opportunity to develop their sporting career by offering the highest possible standards in coaching and training in a full-time football environment.

SWQ Thunder FC is extending an offer to male and female players in **2022 Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 and Under 18 NPL teams** to apply for a scholarship to cover their players registration fees. Full or part scholarships will be awarded and remain in place for one full season.

Applications **close at 5.00 pm on Friday 19th November 2022.**

Representatives of the SWQ Thunder FC Board will determine the successful scholarship recipients using the following selection criteria:

1. Financially disadvantaged/challenging family circumstances/regional origin
2. Playing potential
3. Parents willingness to volunteer
4. Recognised contribution (including family) to the football community
5. Football Achievements / Aspirations in sport & academic

To apply, parents/players must provide a brief response to the selection criteria listed above and return via email to [lukestenhouse@swqthunder.com](mailto:lukestenhouse@swqthunder.com) by the closing date.

Successful candidates will be advised by email and will need to sign an agreement with SWQ Thunder FC and Football Queensland to accept the scholarship for the 2022 season.

Our club hopes that this scholarship program helps our players to realise their opportunities in an elite level football program within our region.

If you have any questions about this Football Player Scholarship program, please contact me at [lukestenhouse@swqthunder.com](mailto:lukestenhouse@swqthunder.com) or 0419 188 722 (outside of work hours only).

Yours Sincerely,

**Luke Stenhouse**

Chairman

South West Queensland Thunder FC