



## Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular 43/17-18

Title:	Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship Opportunities - National Leadership College 2018
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Audience:	Members aged 20 - 30 years, from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) background , interests and areas of focus within SLS.
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Summary:	Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarships now open for the 2018 National Leadership College –taking place from 4 - 10 February 2018 at YMCA Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, Silverwater, NSW. The closing date for applications from state to SLSA is 15 January 2018.

### What is the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship?

As part of Surf Life Saving Australia’s strategy to encourage diversity within the movement, SLSA is offering four (4) fully funded Scholarship opportunities to members aged 20-30 years from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) backgrounds to take part in the National Leadership College 2018.

### How does the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship Help?

Without educational opportunities and role models from their own community, young members may not realise the possibilities available to them. The Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship provides opportunities to emerging leaders within Indigenous and multicultural communities to gain skills, confidence, become future leaders within their communities and strengthen the links between all Australians.

In addition to helping students achieve their educational aspirations, the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship will help contribute to the development of a pool of positive role models and future leaders from Indigenous and Multicultural communities, to inspire other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and CALD students to become involved and engaged within SLS and illustrate the successes that can be achieved through education.

### What is the National Leadership College?

The National Leadership College (NLC) is an annual leadership and development program recognising young leaders in Surf Life Saving (SLS) aged between 20 and 30 years. Participants come from a variety of clubs, roles and SLS backgrounds. Ideally participants will have attended a state leadership program, however they may have attended similar leadership programs through work or study. The NLC is an essential step in the SLS Leadership Pathway.

The NLC provides an exciting opportunity for young people within the movement to further develop their leadership skills and continue to positively contribute to the success of SLS. As well as learning new skills and creating opportunities for personal growth, the College will open up new networks with other likeminded passionate members across the country, who also are committed to making a difference within the movement. The NLC is designed to challenge participants intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. The skills gained are designed to be taken back to clubs and into other areas of the participant’s daily environment, with the aim of contributing to SLS’ mission statement of saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.

Each day includes keynote speakers, elective sessions, activities and challenges relating to the leadership theme of the day. Each participant will be encouraged to access a mentor and have ongoing opportunities for review and further development.

Participants also benefit from exposure to the larger national movement. Networking with members from clubs nationally is a highlight for participants as they share ideas and create new friendships and networks. Participants have the opportunity to see the big picture for SLS as they gain greater exposure to national goals and aspirations. Through the sharing of ideas, resources and future directions, NLC provides an opportunity to create an effective national movement.

### When and where?

**Where:** YMCA Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, Silverwater, NSW

**When:** 4 – 10 February 2018



### Who can apply?

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- must be Multicultural or Indigenous
- be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years on 1 February 2018
- be a current member of an SLSA affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- be Bronze Medallion proficient
- demonstrate the potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence the movements future direction and their local Indigenous or CALD community.

### What will participants get out of it?

- Exposure to Surf Life Saving at a national level.
- Hear from SLSA leaders.
- Opportunity to network with other like-minded members from around Australia.
- Growth in self-confidence and the self-power to make things happen.
- Enabling participants to gain a perception of your own personal leadership qualities and competencies.
- Share opinions and workshop current issues.
- Be inspired by industry professional guest speakers.
- Become part of the Leadership Alumni.

### What type of applicant are we looking for?

- Courageous and innovative thinkers.
- Enthusiastic with a strong capacity to learn.
- Individuals committed to SLS for the longer term.
- Emerging influencers in your club.
- Team orientated.
- Highly motivated and self-aware.
- People who are active within their community
- Potential role models

### What will the Scholarship Cover?

All costs for attendance at The College, including transport to and from the venue, will be covered by the SLSA Scholarship.

### Interested? – What do I do now?

1. Complete the National Leadership College Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship application form in either hard copy or electronic format. The form can also be downloaded from the SLSA Members Portal by following the path:  
*Library/Member and Club Development/Leadership/National Leadership College.*
2. Submit personal statement and references
3. Have the application endorsed by your club.
4. Deliver the completed application to your state centre by 8 January 2018.



WHAT	WHEN
Applications Close – State	8 January 2018
State recommendations to SLSA	15 January 2018
Successful applicants notified	19 January 2018
National Leadership College	4 – 10 February 2018

**Further information**

**Members Portal:** Follow the path: *Library/Member and Club Development/Leadership/National Leadership College*

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