



Policy Document – Performance & Pathways

Policy	Prime Minister's Athlete Scholarships for Swimmers (PMAS)
Responsible to	GMPP
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Revision History

Date	Version	Comments
02/09/2009	1.0	Initial release of SNZ PMAS for Swimmers
18/11/2010	2.0	Modification of PM Scholarship Selection

Purpose of this Policy:

- To facilitate the provision of performance support through a Prime Minister's Athlete Scholarship (PMAS) for swimmers studying at Tertiary Level at a New Zealand Educational Institute.

Objectives:

- The purpose of the scholarships is to enable emerging and talented SNZ swimmers to concurrently pursue tertiary study and elite level sport development.

Overview of Programme:

The programme supports the achievement of tertiary and vocational qualifications while pursuing excellence in sport. The scholarship provides:

- Financial contribution to academic fees;
- Financial contribution towards living allowance (if studying required number of papers according to PMAS guidelines); and
- Athlete Life Programme provides education and career advice, to assist recipients to effectively manage their lives in the pursuit of excellence.

Eligibility Criteria for a Scholarship

The applicant must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Scholarships are aligned to SPARC's High Performance Strategy 2006-2012 and must focus on SPARC's high performance mission of 'more Kiwi winners on the world stage.'
- Submit a complete application on the SPARC [website](#).
- Be endorsed by SNZ by the selection date.
- Have met all athlete requirements whilst studying under scholarship in the previous 12 months, unless the NZAS agrees otherwise (athletes re-applying for a scholarship only).

Application Process

- The Scholarship Programme Guide is available on the High Performance Sport section of SPARC's [website](#).
- The scholarship application closing dates each year for SNZ are April 20 and November 20.
- Scholarships are ongoing as long as selection and review criteria continue to be met.

Selection & Review events for PMAS:

- 1) Swimmers will be ranked based on SNZ Carding Policy – [see link](#).

Conditions of SNZ PMAS:

All swimmers who have been selected to receive PM Scholarships are required to comply with the following conditions:

- Complete all Carding documentation and submit to SPARC within one month of selection.
- Complete Individual Performance Plan (IPP) and submit to the SNZ GMPP and/or Lead Performance Planner within one month of Carding.
- Demonstrate a commitment to performance both in and out of the pool.
- Demonstrate ongoing achievement through tracking against performance targets.
- Ensure an active SNZ athlete agreement has been signed and complied with.
- Continue to pass the course in which the recipient has been enrolled.
- Meet with Athlete Life Planner (ACE advisor) annually, to assist recipients to effectively manage their joint study and sporting development.
- Attend a Drug Free Sport NZ approved anti-doping seminar in the first twelve months in which the scholarship has been awarded and once in every alternate year thereafter.
- Six month report – A progress report must be completed online to the NZAS by the recipient for each six month period studied.
- Swimmers who receive SNZ SPARC support are required to fully participate in SNZ program as outlined.