



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular (19/24-25)

Title:	National Leadership College 2024 – Expressions of Interest
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Audience:	Members aged 20 - 30 years, interests and areas of focus within SLS.
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Summary:	Expressions of Interest are now open for the National Leadership College 2025 taking place from 26 th January – 1 st February 2025 at Sydney Harbour YHA – The Rocks. Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarships are available to members. Applications close: Sunday, 20th October 2024

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, NLC will open new networks with other likeminded passionate members across the country, who are also 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's 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. Participants are allocated 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 as they share ideas and create new friendships and networks, with 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 is NLC 2024?

Where: Sydney Harbour YHA – The Rocks, 110 Cumberland Street, Sydney NSW

When: Sunday 26 January to Saturday 1 February 2025

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 likeminded members from around Australia
- Growth in self-confidence and the self-power to make things happen
- 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

Who can apply?

National Leadership College participants must meet the following requirements:

- be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years on 26 January 2025
- be a current financial member of an SLSA affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- demonstrate previous leadership training / experience, preferably from within the SLS movement
- demonstrate potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence our future direction.

Participant allocation:

There will be approximately 24 participants selected for the National Leadership College. There is no state/territory allocation, and members will be selected based on their suitability for the program.



It is recommended that clubs nominate one member who exemplifies the values of your club and demonstrates courage and a commitment to their development.

Participants need to be endorsed by their club, branch (where applicable) and state/territory. Please note that this endorsement does not guarantee acceptance, the final decision remains with SLSA.

What type of applicants 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 the club
- Team orientated
- Highly motivated and self-aware
- People who are active within their community
- Potential role models

Participant Fee

The College is predominately funded by SLSA as part of *building the national leaders of the future* fund. The participant fee is \$950 (including GST) if the individual is flying to Sydney, or \$500 (including GST) if they are making their own way by car (parking will be provided), bus or train. This fee covers all tuition, flights, meals, transport and shared accommodation. Attendance at all sessions is required by all participants.

We encourage all those who are interested in NLC, and who meet the criteria to apply. Many clubs and/or states/territory assist with the fee, and applicants should discuss this with the relevant contact before applying.

There are four Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarships available from SLSA for those members who qualify (please see further information below and complete the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarships application form). There is no participant fee for those members who are successful in securing the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship.

Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarships

As part of Surf Life Saving Australia's strategy to encourage diversity within the movement, we are offering four (4) fully funded Scholarship opportunities to members from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) backgrounds to take part in the National Leadership College 2025.

Who can apply?

Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship Applicants must:

- be culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)
- be a minimum of 20 years of age and a maximum of 30 years on 26 January 2025
- be a current financial member of an SLSA affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- demonstrate potential as a future leader within SLS, with a desire to influence our future direction and their local Indigenous or CALD community.

How does the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship help SLS?

Without educational opportunities and role models from their own community, members often do not realise the possibilities available to them. The Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship provides opportunities to emerging leaders within Indigenous and multicultural communities to gain the skills and confidence to 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 Multicultural and Indigenous 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.

How to Apply

As NLC is predominately funded by SLSA and we receive many applications for the limited positions, we ask that participants respond to a few questions before their SLS state/territory endorse the application.

Supporting Documentation

A Club and Branch (if applicable) endorsement form must be uploaded to the NLC application form, before it can be submitted. The endorsement form can be downloaded separately from the SLS Members Area ([click here](#)).



Application Form

Click the following link to access the application form: [National Leadership College Application Form](#)*

**If you would like to apply for the Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship, you will need to select 'yes' on Page 2 of the application form.*

State/Territory Endorsement

Once the application form has been submitted, it will automatically be sent to the relevant State/Territory for their endorsement.

What	When
Applications Close	20 October 2024
State/territory centre recommendations due to SLSA	25 October 2024
Successful applicants notified the week of	4 November 2024
National Leadership College	26 January – 1 February 2025

Testimonials

"The week was phenomenal, I loved how everything we learnt eventually linked together. The group was amazing, and I was honoured to be surrounded by like-minded members in the same boat as me from all over the country. I feel ready for anything now, so grateful for the opportunity and we are so fortunate to have such an amazing experience."

"I cannot begin to express my gratitude for being given this opportunity! The space that you have created for us to step into has enabled myself to grow personally but also then take those skills back to my club and I am so grateful for this."

"The experience was really challenging and self-defining. It gave us tools and resources to help reflect on who we were and who we wanted to be. I felt that every participant left empowered and motivated to use what we had learned in a positive and progressive manner."

Here is a link to a web story about the NLC 2024: [NLC 2024](#)

Further info

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