Carbine Club Scholarship 2026

The Gold Coast Academy of Sport is excited to announce a continuation of the partnership with the Carbine Club of Queensland. This joint venture was started in 2016 to support a young up and coming athlete in their pursuit of excellence in sport. Named “The Glynis Nunn” award, the Scholarship will be given to FOUR athletes between the ages of 15 and 19 who are striving towards their personal pursuit of excellence. The athletes will receive a Bursary of $2000 over a twelve (12) month period with the GCAS selecting and monitoring the process.

The Carbine Club of Queensland is proud to work with the Academy and help promote pre-elite sport and athlete development in Queensland, in keeping with the ideals of The Carbine Club of Queensland. I am very humbled and pleased to have my name associated with a program that is helping promising athletes in Queensland.

The athlete will need to demonstrate high standards of responsibility, resilience, courage, dedication, humility, dedication and social skills. It is hoped that the bursary will help an athlete who has had to cope with significant life challenges in their training and competition. Athletes who do not receive any financial support from other bodies and who would like to apply can do so through the GCAS website. The Carbine Club and GCAS will be asking athletes to nominate. The board of the GCAS would like to thank the Carbine Club for their generous support of a promising athlete and look forward to the association in the future. The successful applicant will become part of the ‘Unleash Your Potential’ program which is part of the development programs delivered under the Gold Coast Academy of Sport umbrella.

I would like to encourage athletes from any sport to apply for this scholarship.

In recent years it has been given to numerous athletes who have gone on to compete on the national and international stage.

In 2023, recipients included Charlie Guy, who placed 4th at the BMX World Championships, and Julie Mannell, who won gold in the 55kg Junior (15–17) division at the Taekwondo National Championships and went on to represent her country at the World Age Championships.

In 2024, bursaries were awarded to Montana Atkinson (Paralympic Swimming) and Bailey Seckhold (BMX). Montana narrowly missed selection for the Paris Olympics but delivered an exceptional National Championships performance, recording four personal bests, two gold medals, and two silver medals. Bailey finished 5th in the Junior Elite category at the BMX World Championships in the United States from a field of 72 riders and actively contributes to his club through junior coaching.

Most recently in 2025, four athletes were successful in receiving the scholarship: Koby Carroll (BMX Freestyle), Maya Zunker (Swimming), Lachy Donnelly (Pickleball), and Tori

Russell (Tennis). Koby achieved national and international titles at the Fise World Titles in France and Fire World Titles in China. Maya secured five gold medals and two Australian records at the Australian Age Championships, placed 10th at World Championship Trials, and won six gold medals at the Australian School Sport Championships. Lachy competed at the World Pickleball Championships in Dallas, winning gold in Junior Mixed Doubles (U16) and silver in the 5.0 Mixed division. Tori captained the winning Australian 15/U National Teams Championship side and holds the No. 1 Australian ranking for the 2010 birth year in both ITF and UTR.

Below are the Criteria that need to be taken into account:

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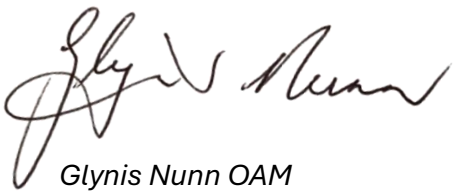
- Must be an Australian Citizen.
- Must be a registered member of an affiliated club of their sport and reside on or in close vicinity of the Gold Coast.
- Must accept their scholarship within the Program by agreeing and adhering to the terms and conditions outlined in the Athlete Agreement and Code of Behaviour of the GCAS.
- Must make themselves available to attend any functions as requested by the Carbine Club of Qld.
- Must be respected by the sporting organisation they are involved with.
- Show potential within their sport and obvious talent to progress.
- Must be between 15 - 19 years of age as of October 1st of year of award.
- Demonstrates resilience, courage, social skills, dedication, humility and be coachable.
- Demonstrates high standards in relation to responsibility, respect for elders and fellow sporting competitors, family, pursuit of excellence and training.
- The capacity to be a role model and leader in the future.
- The athlete has not received any private sponsorship or financial support within the last six (6) months. (September – March). *You must agree to disclose any financial support when submitting the application.*

Interested in applying for this bursary to help with expenses in your sport?

Applications will close 26th March so please do not hesitate to contact the Academy for further information.

We are looking out for you!



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