

2016 Academy Coach Scholarship Program

BACKGROUND:

Since it's initial start up in November 2009 the AFL Club Academy program at the Brisbane Lions is now entering its 7th year of operation and has resulted in 13 Academy players graduating onto AFL senior & rookie playing lists, along with 3 Academy coaches graduating into AFL senior development coach roles.

We see the coaching pathway as an important part of our Academy program not only to directly assist with our Academy training program but to also help the development of our squad of player's at when they are training & playing back at club level.

PROPOSED PROGRAM:

- 2 x Coaching Scholarships to be awarded each season and run for a 12 month duration based on set criteria over page.
- The recipients will be directly linked to our Academy Head Coach and assist with the Academy training program & with possible opportunities to spend time with the Lions NEAFL or senior football coaching groups (subject to confirmation & scheduling).
- Opportunities to undertake further external coach education as agreed to with the Academy manager.
- A financial grant of \$750.00 to assist with external education opportunities (eg. course costs, travel to attend courses)





Academy Coach Scholarship Program Criteria:

1. Open to all youth (under 12-19) and senior coaches that reside and coach within the Lions Academy Talent Zone (see appendix 1 for map.)
2. Applicants must have coached for a minimum of 2 years at community club, school level or regional talent program within the past 4 years.
3. Applicants must have minimum Level One AFL Coach accreditation, and ideally completed or undertaking Level Two AFL Coach accreditation.
4. Endorsement of coaching scholarship program application by Club President / School Principal, and local AFL Queensland Regional Manager
5. Actively participate in the Academy training program on a weekly basis under the guidance of Academy Coach.
6. Willingness to undertake further coach education opportunities as agreed to with Lions Academy Manager, and provide written feedback on any such education.
7. Be a positive coaching role model at all times and adhere to the Brisbane Lions values along with the AFL Queensland Coaching Codes of Conduct.
8. Provide 3, 6 month and 12 month written reports on personal coach learning and development to the Lions Academy Manager.

Interested applicants should supply a maximum 2 x A4 page letter to **LUKE CURRAN** (Lions Academy Manager – lcurran@lions.com.au) by **Friday 3rd June 2016** outlining your AFL coaching background and reasons for applying for the Academy Coach Scholarship program as well as a copy of your current AFL coach accreditation and current QLD Government “Working With Children” Blue Card accreditation.

Appendix 1 - Lions Academy Talent Zone

General region guide – Brisbane, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay AFLQ development & talent regions.

