

Sharks Academy Scholarship - DETAILS

The USA South Panther Rugby Academy is pleased to announce an exclusive partnership with the Sharks Rugby Academy located in Durban, South Africa. We will be selecting up to two highly qualified Male USA Rugby South Panther Academy U.S. players born in either 2006 or 2007 to attend the Sharks Academy for a four-week experience during the summer of 2025.

The Panthers are seeking applications from well-rounded male Rugby players with excellent basic Rugby skills who are interested in spending 4-weeks in early summer of 2025 in South Africa and training and playing high-level Rugby in an immersive setting. Our selection process involves gathering recommendations from coaches and obtaining information about the player's maturity, athletic ability, on-field Rugby performance, and potential for personal growth (in leadership and character). USA South anticipates awarding up to two scholarships for the summer of 2025.

The goal of the USA South Panther Academy's scholarship to the Sharks Academy is to advance players' personal development, culturally and academically, while also giving them the opportunity to become better Rugby players. Our expectation is that they use the experience in South Africa to influence and help elevate the play of their local teams when they return.

Rugby Curriculum

The Sharks Academy Rugby training program offers a fun working environment. Their learning approach develops the students on the field and in the classroom to cater for their career outside of the academy.

The Sharks Academy focuses on raising our students' awareness, building their character and empowering individuals to take responsibility for their decisions. This comes from the Academy's focus to encourage the individuals within a team context to express themselves, utilizing different simulated games to assist in intuitive decision making under pressure in a match situation. Ultimately, the aim is to get the best out of each individual to fulfil their potential in a safe environment.

The 2025 Scholarship

The scholarship for 2025, to be awarded in early 2025, is for an approximately four-week Sharks Academy experience in Durban, South Africa from May - July of 2025.

What's Included?

The scholarship will cover the costs of attending the Sharks Academy plus accommodations. The awardee will be responsible for their own transportation to South Africa and back.

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Who Can Apply?

The Panther Rugby Academy is accepting applications from current or former male Panther Rugby Academy Players born in either 2006 or 2007.

Application Process

A link to the Player Application is available on the website. The Application must be accompanied by at least one letter of recommendation from the player's Rugby coach(s).

Completed Player Applications must be submitted by February 17th, 2025.

Applications will be reviewed by the USA South Panther Academy Scholarship Review Committee. The USA South Panthers Board of Directors will announce the scholarship award winner by April 1st, 2025

Questions

Any questions an applicant, his family, school, or coach may have about this opportunity can be addressed to the following USA Rugby South Board Members.

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