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**Rebecca David**

A LACK of sponsorship threatens to do to Alexander Khun what no tae kwon do opponent could manage – stop him competing at the World University Championships.

A stellar record and swag of medals gave the 19-year-old his berth for the Serbia event and the chance to train with the Australian National Coaching team.

Ranked third in Australia for the black belt, over-18, under-54 kg division, he was one of eight men chosen to represent the nation at the July 12 competition.

But without sponsorship, to the tune of about \$7000, the Noble Park resident may never get to Serbia or an elite training camp in Korea.

Alexander said he would be gutted if unable to go, but maintained a positive outlook.

“I’m really looking forward to it,” he said. “I have proven my skills and the talent to take me place, but without (financial) help I am restricted in the ability to achieve my goals and dreams to my full potential.”

Alexander also has the chance to compete at the World Taekwondo Festival and Korea Classic Open.

He has risen through the ranks since starting the sport three years ago and attributed much of his success to his tae



**Alexander is fighting to raise cash.**

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kwon do Master, Joon No, who taught him to always “fight smart”.

The RMIT student said his ultimate goal was Olympic glory at the 2012 London Games.

To help Alexander contact Master Joon on 0417 317 970.

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