EDITH CAVELL remains an inspiration to nurses everywhere. Born in England in 1865, she was an accomplished linguist, musician and artist. After a distinguished nursing career in England, she was invited by a surgeon to establish a nursing school in Brussels. When World War I started Edith stayed to nurse wounded soldiers, some of them Germans. Tragically she was executed by the German authorities because of her heroic efforts to help Belgian and other allied refugees to escape.

Australians raised money to perpetuate her memory by providing a “rest home” for nurses returning from World War I and World War II. When it became clear in the 90s that nurses were no longer in need of a home the NSW Nurses and Midwives’ Association decided to find another significant and enduring way to commemorate Edith Cavell.

In 1992 The Edith Cavell Trust became a reality. Established to support nursing research and nurse education now and for future generations of nurses, a Committee of Trustees diligently manages all aspects of the Trust.

How are scholarships awarded?

The awarding of scholarships is at the absolute discretion of the Trustees of the Edith Cavell Trust. Trustees may co-opt appropriate persons to sit on the Selection Committee.

All successful applicants must agree in writing to provide a written report within three months of completing the scholarship in the academic year for which the scholarship was granted.

How do I apply?

Applications must be made on the official application form of The Edith Cavell Trust.

Full details of The Edith Cavell Trust Rules and the Official Application Form are available from our website www.nswnma.asn.au

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Who can apply?

Members or associate members of the NSW Nurses and Midwives’ Association or the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (NSW Branch).

All grants, awards or loans shall be made to financially assist nurses, midwives, assistants in nursing, assistants in midwifery (including students of those disciplines), and accredited nursing or midwifery organisations, schools and faculties in the furtherance of:

(i) accredited nursing or midwifery studies;
(ii) such academic research programs as are approved by the Trustees in the theory or practice of nursing or midwifery work; or
(iii) clinical nursing education programs at graduate, post-graduate and continuing educational professional development level; in accordance with the following categories:

CATEGORY 1

Shall be available to students of nursing or midwifery undertaking full-time, part-time or distance education studies leading to initial registration as a nurse or midwife on a needs or merits basis.

A certificate of completion of the education program/course must be provided.

CATEGORY 2

Shall be available to:

(a) Registered Nurses or Enrolled Nurses;
(b) Midwives;
(c) Assistants in Nursing who have completed, or are undertaking a course to obtain an Australian Qualifications Framework Certificate III in either Aged Care or Assistance in Nursing, or who have completed or are undertaking a course to obtain a qualification which, in the opinion of the Trustees, is an equivalent qualification in a nursing or midwifery related field; or
(d) Assistants in Midwifery, wishing to undertake or attend:
   (i) Accredited clinical nursing or midwifery education programs not in excess of 6 months’ duration on a full time or part-time basis, or by distance education; or
   (ii) A nursing or midwifery conference or seminars relevant to the Applicant’s area of clinical practice;

in each case on a needs or merit basis.

Applicants must be currently registered or enrolled nurses who hold current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (AHPRA).

Progress reports must be provided at the end of each academic semester for the duration of the scholarship or on an agreed basis for research projects.

CATEGORY 3

Shall be available to a registered nurse, enrolled nurse or midwife wishing to:

(i) undertake post-graduate studies (including honors programs) relevant to the applicants area of clinical practice, at an accredited education institution for a period or periods in excess of six months’ duration, either by full-time, part-time or distance education study; or
(ii) undertake academically approved research programs at an accredited education institution in the theory or practice of nursing or midwifery work.

Applicants must be currently registered or enrolled nurses who hold current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (AHPRA).

Research grants will only be given where appropriate ethics committee approval has been obtained and research must be overseen by a qualified researcher.

Progress reports must be provided at the end of each academic semester for the duration of the scholarship or on an agreed basis for research projects.

CATEGORY 4

Shall be available to accredited nursing or midwifery organisations, faculties and schools to conduct or fund a relevant professional or clinical nursing education project.

Progress reports must be provided on an agreed basis for education projects.