

OPWC AGED CARE SCHOLARSHIPS



Information and Terms

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- A registered or enrolled nurse;
- A financial member of NSWNMA;
- An Australian citizen / permanent resident;
- Currently working in aged care (or if you are not currently working, your last position was in aged care); and
- Willing and able to undertake the study required to complete the course.

Scholarships awarded may be up to a maximum value of \$4,000 per applicant.

Preference will be given to applicants who have not received a scholarship from any other source in the last 3 years.

To apply you must:

- Read and understand these Term and Conditions;
- Contact NSWNMA if you have any questions about the Scholarship process;
- Complete the official [OPWC Aged Care Scholarships application form](#);
- Provide information that is true and correct;
- Supply two written and signed references supporting your scholarship request (from a senior member of the nursing profession, Manager/Director of Nursing or Nursing Clinical / Academic Lecturer); and
- Applications may be submitted via mail, email or fax and must be received by the due date of **5pm, Friday 13 April 2018**. Applications received after this will not be considered.

While your application is under consideration, you must notify NSWNMA if your circumstances change. This includes if you:

- Change your contact details;
- Want to change any aspects of your application;
- Are unable to attend the whole course; or
- Change your mind about applying.

NSWNMA will:

- Notify you promptly when your application has been received;
- Keep the details of your application confidential within the Selection Panel of the NSWNMA and in confidential reporting to the OPWC committee;
- Ask your permission before undertaking any promotional activities related to the OPWC Aged Care Scholarships that may identify you eg: stories in the *Lamp* or NSWNMA website;
- Notify you in writing whether your application for a scholarship is successful or not; and
- If your application is successful, send you a 'letter of offer' outlining the terms of the Scholarship offer and how the funds will be administered.

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If you have problems completing the course or other unforeseen circumstances:

You must notify the NSWNMA promptly if you are unable to meet the course requirements, including if you cannot attend the whole course.

We encourage you to contact the NSWNMA immediately if you have concerns. This will enable us to take your circumstances into account and try to find an agreeable solution. We may discuss whether some or all of the funds should be repaid, depending on your particular circumstances, but our priority will be to find another solution.

If you don't contact us about non-completion, there are strong grounds for NSWNMA to pursue cost recovery of all or part of the Scholarship funds. It is strongly advised that you make contact if you are having difficulties to avoid this situation developing.

Decisions about repayment or waiving of funds will be referred to the Selection Committee.

After completing the course:

You are required to submit a report and copy of academic results (if applicable) to the OPWC Scholarship Committee (via email to education@nswnma.asn.au) within 3 months of completion of your course or studies in the academic year in which it was awarded (2018).

Your application may be submitted by email, fax or post, details below.

For more information contact:

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