



LIONS NURSES SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



Information and Terms

The concept of establishing a fund for the provision of scholarships for registered nurses in New South Wales and the ACT to undertake advanced studies in Australia or, more particularly, overseas, originated from a group of members of the Manly Lions Club. In 1972, following discussions with representatives of various nursing organisations, it was decided that such a fund, to be known as the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation, be created, and that the money for the fund would be raised by conducting a series of 'Nurse Quests'.

The Foundation, now incorporated as a non-profit company, has as its Directors, representatives of nursing organisations in both NSW and the ACT, and members of Lions Club International.

The Directors wish to record their thanks to all who have donated to the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation.

The Directors also express their appreciation for the work of those who have served on the Scholarship Selection Committee, both in formulating the conditions applying to scholarship awards and in recommending to the Directors those to whom scholarships should be awarded.

The capital sum representing funds raised by the Foundation is invested in authorised Trustee Investments, the interest earned each year, supplemented by donations from Lions Clubs, is used to fund scholarships and nursing education.



WHO MAY APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

All nurses who meet the criteria below are eligible to apply for scholarships awarded by the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation:

1. Are currently registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and working within the nursing profession in NSW or the ACT.
2. Have a minimum of three years' experience within the nursing profession since initial registration and prior to making application, the last twelve months of which must have been spent in employment in NSW or the ACT.
3. The scholarship is open to Australian citizens/permanent residents.

NATURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships for which applications may be made fall into either of the following categories:

CATEGORY A

Scholarships for the purposes of a study or conference attendance in Australia or overseas not necessarily leading to the award of an additional formal qualification.

CATEGORY B

Scholarships for extended study leave leading to the award of a formal qualification from a recognised tertiary institution in Australia or overseas.

Please note: applications are for the following academic year eg. applications made in 2016 will be for the academic year 2017.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

1. It is important that both Category A and B applicants submit a carefully considered programme of work and study, supported where applicable by evidence of likely acceptance by relevant overseas centres.
2. If travelling overseas, the scholarship recipient in either category will be responsible for obtaining all necessary passports, visas, etc., required for the countries visited.

CATEGORY A

1. No restrictions are placed on the subject of study for scholarships in Category A provided the subject is of relevance to the practice of nursing and the nursing profession. The subject of the study tour should be clearly stated in the application.
2. Applicants for Category A must provide evidence of the feasibility of the study tour in terms of objectives, time and estimated cost. Where considered necessary and at the discretion of the Directors, applicants may be required to submit travel and accommodation costings prepared by an approved travel bureau.
3. Successful applicants for Category A must sign an agreement to submit a report of the study tour to the Directors within 3 months of the completion of the tour. These reports will be made available for study by members of the nursing profession on application to the Directors; they may also be published in nursing journals if the Directors so decide.

CATEGORY B

1. Applicants for Category B scholarships are to provide evidence of their acceptance for candidature in a formal course in an Australian or overseas institution. Scholarships will not be considered on the basis of application for study.
2. Successful applicants for Category B scholarship must submit a report and copy of their academic results to the Foundation at the completion of the study year in which the scholarship was awarded.

REFEREES' REPORTS

Applicants must attach two (2) written references of support.

The referees should include:

A senior member of the nursing profession.

A person who is in a position to comment on the applicant's academic ability and who can state what advantage the proposed Course, or Study Tour, would be to:

- (a) the individual; and
- (b) the nursing profession and the community.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1. Directors reserve the right to cancel or terminate scholarships if the recipient deviates from the purposes of the scholarship and, in the opinion of the Directors, the purposes for which the scholarship was awarded may not be substantially fulfilled.
2. Illness which reduces the effective tenure of the scholarship shall not automatically entitle the recipients to an extension of the original period of the scholarship, but the Directors may on application grant an extension if appropriate.
3. A scholarship may be suspended or terminated any time during its currency, either: at the recipient's request; or, if, in the opinion of the Directors, the recipient's performance is unsatisfactory; or, he/she has failed to observe the conditions of the scholarship; or he/she is guilty of misconduct.
4. Preference will be given to scholarship applicants who have not received a scholarship in the last 3 years.
5. Successful applicants for both categories of scholarship would normally be expected to undertake the project within 6 months of the date of the announcement of the award, or the award may be forfeited.
6. The offer of a scholarship will be subject to the applicant's assurance that he/she does not suffer from any ailment or disability which may interfere with the completion of the proposed scholarship programme. Any scholarship awarded may be made subject to the recipient furnishing a satisfactory certificate of health by a medical practitioner or practitioners approved by the Directors.
7. All recipients of scholarships should make adequate arrangements for health and accident insurance for themselves and the Directors take no responsibility for such matters.
8. Successful applicants shall provide a written report within three (3) months of completion of their course/ conference/ study and (if applicable) forward their university/ college results at the end of the academic year.
9. If the recipients are unable to use their scholarship for any reason, they shall return the scholarship amount to the Lions Nurses' Scholarship Foundation immediately.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The awarding of scholarships is at the absolute discretion of the Directors of the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Limited who will make such awards upon the advice and recommendation of the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will generally comprise of persons having a close association with the nursing profession.

At its discretion, the Scholarship Selection Committee may award full or part of the scholarship amount requested, up to a value of no more than \$5,000 per scholarship request.

Members of the Scholarship Selection Committee who have a close personal or professional interest in the outcome of the awarding of scholarships will declare any such interest to the Directors.

Acknowledgment of all applications received will be made via email or through the post.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are called for annually commencing in August through appropriate nursing journals, and by communication through hospitals and nursing institutions. Applications close 31 October.

Enquiries: (02) 8595 1234

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Applications are available on the website:

NSW Nurses and

Midwives' Association:

www.nswnma.asn.au/education



ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The amount granted for return fares whether overseas or within Australia may be paid by the Foundation directly to the airline or other carrier with which the booking is made.

Where personal expenses are incurred in undertaking a scholarship award, the recipient should establish with the Commissioner of Taxation whether such expenses are deductible under the Australian Income Tax Law. It should be clearly understood that in this regard the Directors have no responsibility to make representations to the Commissioner of Taxation.