

Enrolled Nurse members of the Association are invited to apply for an OPWC Aged Care Scholarship

The NSW Nurses and Midwives Association is pleased to announce the final round of the Old People's Welfare Council (OPWC) Scholarships, has now opened for application.

This scholarship is available to any Enrolled Nurse who meets the eligibility criteria.

The scholarship will provide a one-off sum of **\$2,000** to an Enrolled Nurse working in aged care who is undertaking the Bachelor of Nursing qualification. One scholarship to the value of \$2,000 is available.

Who May Apply (Eligibility Criteria):

1. Enrolled nurses who are undertaking the Bachelor of Nursing qualification (online, in person or blended);
2. You must be currently working in aged care;
3. A financial member of the NSWNMA;
4. You must be currently registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia;
5. The scholarship is open to Australian citizens and permanent residents;
6. Applicants who have received a scholarship from any source within the last 3 years are not eligible to apply (with the exception of recipients of the 2020 OPWC Scholarship who received access to the ANMF online Aged Care Training Room);
7. Applicants who are receiving financial support or assistance from their employer or any other source, to undertake the Bachelor of Nursing qualification are not eligible to apply.

How to apply:

1. Complete the [OPWC Scholarship application form \(link to form\)](#)
2. Agree to the Terms as set out on the following page.
3. Email your completed application and all supporting documentation to education@nswnma.asn.au by **5pm, 31 May 2021**. Applications received after this will not be considered (hand-written applications will not be accepted).
4. Attach with the application form, a copy of your current enrolment for 2021. If enrolment confirmation isn't available when you apply, please submit a brief letter showing your intention to enrol. Funds will not be provided to the successful applicant until evidence of enrolment is received.
5. Attach with the application form, a letter from your employer on letterhead confirming, your name, employment status, how long you have been employed in this position, confirmation that they are not providing any financial support to the applicant, and a brief statement outlining their support for you in applying for this scholarship.
6. If your application is successful, the Association will make a formal offer to you.

Enquiries: education@nswnma.asn.au Telephone: 1300 367 962

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Scholarship Terms and Conditions

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Note:

All applications are to be submitted via email to education@nswnma.asn.au by the close date / time.

NSWNMA will:

- Notify you via email within 5 working days when your application has been received (please contact us if you do not receive confirmation within this timeframe);
- Keep the details of your application confidential within the Selection Panel of the Association and in confidential reporting to the OPWC committee;
- Notify you in writing via email 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.

Terms:

If you have problems completing the academic year or there are other unforeseen circumstances:

We encourage you to contact the Association 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, there are strong grounds for the Association 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.

At the end of the academic year 2021, the successful scholarship recipient must submit a short (one page) reflection on the academic year along with a copy of their academic results for 2021.

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