



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 Investments, the interest earned each year, supplemented by donations from Lions Clubs, is used to fund scholarships and nursing education.





Eligibility Criteria – who may apply for scholarships

All registered and enrolled nurses who meet the criteria are eligible to apply:

- Applicants must be currently registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and working within NSW or the ACT.
- At time of application, must have a minimum of 3 years' experience within the nursing profession since initial registration, the last 12 months of which must have been spent in employment in NSW or the ACT.
- The scholarship is open to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents.

Scholarships are to support studies being undertaken in the academic year following application, i.e., a scholarship application made in the current academic year is for studies being undertaken in the following academic year.

Scholarships are not retrospective and are only to support studies undertaken in the academic year following application.

Scholarship Categories

CATEGORY A

Scholarships for conference attendance in Australia or overseas or a short course not necessarily leading to the award of a formal qualification.

Example:

Sunita wants to attend a conference in Adelaide this year. Sunita is not eligible to apply as the conference does not take place in the next academic year.

Tony wants to attend a short, 2-day course in the current year prior to 31 October, before the scholarship closes for application. Tony is not eligible to apply as the Lions Nurses Scholarship is still open for application and a scholarship will not be awarded retrospectively, also the course is not in the following academic year.

CATEGORY B

Scholarships for extended study leading to the awarding of a formal qualification.

Example:

Susan is undertaking a Graduate Certificate which she commenced this year and is due to complete in June next year. Susan is eligible to apply for support for the period January to June next year.

Toni is an Enrolled Nurse completing a Bachelor of Nursing and is in her final year ending December. Toni is not eligible to apply as studies do not fall within the following academic year.

Mary is currently studying a Master of Nursing, part-time, which she commenced in the current year and is due to complete in December two years away. Mary is eligible to apply for support for next year.

For all queries regarding eligibility, please contact the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Administration Coordinator, education@nswnma.asn.au

Information on applying for a Category A or B Scholarship

Scholarships for conference attendance in Australia or overseas or a short course not necessarily leading to the award of a formal qualification.

- All applicants must meet the Eligibility Criteria.
- Applications must be submitted via the official Lions Nurses Foundation Scholarship [online application form \(nswnma.info/lions\)](https://nswnma.info/lions).
- No restrictions are placed on the subject of study provided the subject is relevant to the nurses current or future practice.
- **COMPULSORY:** Applicants must upload a copy of their Authorisation to Practice (Registration).
- Applicants must submit thorough and considered budget details. This may include estimated accommodation, travel or other costs associated with the scholarship request.
- Applicants are required to articulate reasons for applying and benefits to themselves and the nursing profession within the application.
- **COMPULSORY:** Written References – Applicants must upload 2 x references supporting their scholarship application. Referees must be in a position to comment on an applicant's capacity to undertake their proposed scholarship request and state what advantage it would be to the applicant, the nursing profession and the community.
- Additional Supporting Documentation – Optional: Additional supporting documentation may consist of any number of the following and may add weight to your scholarship application:
 - Current or future enrolment / registration
 - Correspondence with the education provider regarding your expression of interest in undertaking the course / conference
 - Course / Conference Program
 - Confirmation of, or information on, proposed travel and accommodation costs
 - Any other documentation that may support your scholarship request.
- Preference will be given to scholarship applicants who have not received a scholarship from this or any other source within the last 3 years. The value awarded of any scholarship/s received in the last 3 years are a consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Applicants are responsible for making their own travel, accommodation, course bookings.
- Where applicable, scholarship applicants should make adequate arrangements for visas, health and travel insurance and the Directors take no responsibility for such.
- Unused scholarship funds awarded are to be returned to the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation.
- If for any reason an applicant does not proceed with, defer, or in any other way postpone their course / conference etc or do not complete their scholarship request they are required to notify the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation immediately by contacting the Scholarship Administration Coordinator on (02) 8595 1234 or via email education@nswnma.asn.au.
- Successful applicants must agree to supply the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation with a copy of their certificate of completion / attendance within 3 months of completion of the course/conference.
- Successful applicants must agree to complete and return the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Reflection Template when submitting their certificate of completion / attendance. Information provided may be used by the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation to promote the Foundation.
- The awarding of scholarships is at the absolute discretion of the Directors of the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation.
- 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 applicant.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will not enter into any discussions or provide feedback to individuals on unsuccessful applications.
- The Scholarship must be used for the sole purpose of the study or course attendance and cannot be used for general purposes such as laptops, PCs etc.



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Further Information

Confirmation of receipt of your online application will be sent within 5 working days. If this confirmation is not received, please contact the Scholarship Administration Coordinator, education@nswnma.asn.au or (02) 8595 1234.



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The online application form is available on the website:
www.nswnma.asn.au/scholarship/lions-nurses-scholarship

NOTE:

1. It is the understanding of the Directors that scholarships, generally, will be taxable although exceptions are provided in some cases. If you believe that the value of your scholarship is exempt from tax, it is suggested that you seek a ruling from the Australian Taxation Office or obtain advice from a registered tax agent. The Directors have no responsibility to make representations regarding this.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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. 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.