Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Continuing Professional Development

Overview
Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Continuing Professional Development is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and administered by the Australian College of Nursing (ACN). It is an initiative supporting registered and enrolled nurses who work within the aged care sector to attend short courses, conferences or workshops.

Application dates
Applications are now closed, notification of the outcome of your application is expected in late June 2014.

Value of a scholarship
Scholarships are available for conferences, short courses and workshops.

Short course/workshop:
Applicants can receive up to a maximum of $5,000 for a short course or workshop.

Conference participation:
Applicants can receive up to a maximum of $3,000 for a conference.

Funding will not be available for courses or activities conducted outside Australia.

Eligibility criteria
To be eligible to apply for a continuing professional development scholarship applicants must be:

- an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- a registered or enrolled nurse with current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia registration
- be directly employed in and by an Australian Government funded approved provider of:
  - a residential aged care service
  - community aged care service
  - multipurpose service
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flexible service.
- delivering some direct care
- intending to attend a conference, short course or workshop, in Australia, relating to the care of older people. Topics may include but are not limited to clinical gerontology, behavioural management, dementia care, wound care, continence care, palliative care and infection control. Leadership and management courses or conferences are also considered eligible.

Please note applicants already receiving a scholarship funded by the Australian Government and administered by ACN are ineligible.

If you are a New Zealand citizen, please click here to determine your eligibility for this scholarship.

Selection Criteria
These are competitive scholarships and will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee whose assessment will be based on how you address the following questions:

- How will your course benefit:
  - your nursing practice in aged care
  - your longer term goals in aged care
  - those for whom you care within the aged care sector?
- Describe your commitment to aged care.
Contact ACN

Email: scholarships@acn.edu.au
Freecall: 1800 116 696 (charges may apply)

Important links
- Click here for information on how these scholarship payments may affect Centrelink payments.
- Click here for more information on the taxation implications.