Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Undergraduate

Overview
Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Undergraduate is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services and administered by the Australian College of Nursing (ACN).

Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Undergraduate is an Australian Government initiative supporting student nurses who show a demonstrated commitment to aged care to undertake undergraduate studies with a view to working in aged care at the completion of the course.

The course must be at an Australian tertiary institute leading to a qualification to practice as a registered nurse.

Diploma of Nursing studies are not eligible for an undergraduate scholarship. Please see the NAHSSS: Undergraduate scholarship if you are commencing or continuing Diploma of Nursing studies.

Under this scheme there are places set aside for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Application dates
Applications are closed. Notification of the outcome of applications for study undertaken in 2014 is expected in late November 2013.

Value of a scholarship
The scheme provides financial assistance in the form of a scholarship worth up to a total of $10,000 per year for three years full time study ($30,000 in total), or $5,000 per year for up to six years part time study ($30,000).

Funding will not be available for courses studied outside Australia. These scholarships are not bonded.

Eligibility criteria
To be eligible to apply for an undergraduate scholarship applicants must:
  • be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
  • demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a nursing career with a focus on aged care
  • be currently enrolled, or intending to enrol in an undergraduate or graduate entry, accredited, pre-registration (entry to practice) nursing course at an Australian university.

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.

Eligible courses
Courses must be provided by Australian universities, TAFEs or other registered training organisations and accredited by Australian Health Practitioner Registration Association.
Examples of courses accredited by NMBA are:
  • bachelor of nursing
  • master of nursing (pre-registration).

This application is only to apply for a scholarship and is not an application to an educational or training institution. You must apply directly to an education or training institution for entry into a nursing program.
Assessment criteria
Applications will be assessed using a selection weighting which will be applied to the following criteria:

- currently working in aged care
- aged care experience
- nursing or health qualifications
- rurality (check your rurality)

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

Important Links

- Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent Form (if applicable) (update link)
- Click here for information on how these scholarship payments may affect Centrelink payments.
- Click here for more information on the taxation implications
- Indigenous cadetships
- Click here to locate eligible courses