



Royal Flying Doctor Service
QUEENSLAND SECTION

*POST-REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR STUDY commencing in 2018*

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

***BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM PLEASE READ
THE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES CAREFULLY***

PLEASE NOTE:

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND EACH APPLICATION IS ASSESSED ON ITS MERIT.

**Please read the following information carefully.
Incomplete applications cannot be processed.**

All enquiries to
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CLOSING DATE:

COB Friday 9th March 2018

INTRODUCTION

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is offering a nursing midwifery scholarship. The funds awarded are intended to offer financial assistance toward completion of a midwifery course.

The successful applicant will be required to complete the midwifery course and then work for a minimum of 12 months at any RFDS (Qld Section) Base. The Base will be determined by the RFDS according to organisational need and nursing vacancies at the time.

The Application Guidelines have been developed to clearly indicate the process of application and the selection criteria for applicants. Please read them carefully so that you are certain of your eligibility before you apply for a scholarship.

WHO CAN APPLY:

- > Registered nurses who have relevant experience or qualifications in emergency and/or intensive care nursing, eligible for registration with Australian Health Practitioners Registration Authority (AHPRA), are invited to apply for a midwifery scholarship as advertised. Scholarships are for study commencing/commenced in 2018.
- > Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- > Registered as a General Nurse in Australia with AHPRA.
- > Post graduate experience including a minimum three to five years' experience in a critical care environment in either a recognised Major Regional or Tertiary Hospital Emergency Department, with a 24 hour in-department medical coverage or a recognised Intensive Care Unit. The required time can consist of critical care experience across both environments
- > Acceptance into a relevant midwifery course conducted by an approved and accredited provider.
- > A willingness to work at any RFDS (Qld Section) upon successful completion of the midwifery studies.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

- > If you have applied for, or have received scholarship funding from any other source details must be provided and may be taken into account in the assessment of your application.
- > The successful applicant is required to complete a minimum of 12 months service with the RFDS following the completion of the specified course. This service could be conducted at any one or more of the RFDS Bases within a specified Section. The location of this service is at the discretion of the RFDS (QLD Section) and is made according to State-wide operational requirements once the applicant has successfully completed their studies. A candidate may need to work across different locations in this period of time.
- > The candidate should contact the Chief Nursing Officer at least three months before finishing their midwifery course to discuss possible opportunities. It is expected the successful candidate would commence employment with the RFDS shortly thereafter completing the course. The start date will be dependent on organisation need and nursing vacancies.
- > Scholarship funding is for study commencing in 2018 only.
- > The level of funding eligible for each applicant is dependent upon the course being undertaken. The funding is applicable for course fees books required for the course as well as other study related costs to be determined by the Queensland Section and Federation up to a maximum of \$10,000.
- > Payment for textbooks and associated study costs will be made on production of receipts to the Chief Nursing Officer who will forward to the HR Department to organise reimbursement. Payment will be made via reimbursement and will be a direct deposit into your nominated bank account.
- > Applicants who do not complete the course or units of study for which they have received scholarship funding, because of withdrawal or failure to complete the course or who do not complete the 12 months service with the RFDS are liable to repay all of the scholarship funds awarded.
- > The course being considered by the applicant must be approved by the RFDS (QLD Section).
- > Awarding of a scholarship is contingent on acceptance into the nominated course. No funds will be disbursed until proof of enrolment is received.
- > If your enrolment details alter from those on your original application the RFDS (QLD Section) must be notified in writing as this may impact on your scholarship funding, e.g. withdrawal, deferment, or change from full time to part time study. Failure to do so may require you to refund the scholarship awarded.

- > Applicants are required to submit a copy of their results to the RFDS (QLD Section) at the end of each semester and at the completion of the program / course. A copy of the results will then be filed on the Midwifery Scholarship file.
- > Applicants are required to notify the RFDS (Qld Section) in writing of any change of address as soon as possible.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Certified photocopy of current AHPRA registration.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Names and contact details of two (2) professional referees.
- A certified photocopy of any academic record of nursing / emergency / critical care qualifications obtained including subject details and results.
- Details of any study grants received in the past five years.
- Details of the course of study to be undertaken should include:
 - title of course and name of education facility where course is conducted;
 - indicate part time or full time study;
 - cost of course fees or cost of units applied for;
 - expected completion date of course; and
 - evidence of enrolment into course.

Applicants are advised to seek financial advice regarding the tax implications of receiving such a grant. Legislation provides for tax exemption of such grants for full time students only.
