



# 2018 RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

## APPLICATION FORM

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) is committed to providing a range of high quality health services in Northern Victoria, to meet the needs of residents in Gannawarra and Loddon Shires.

NDCH's annual Rural Health Scholarship Program provides funding to rural students who have a strong commitment to a continued and future health professional practice in country areas.

# Scholarship Eligibility

## Applicants should consider the following:

- Applicants must be full time students currently studying or about to commence an undergraduate degree at University in a relevant discipline. (Medicine, Allied Health or Nursing); or
- Full time students currently studying or about to commence a required graduate or professional entry course which will lead to the student, upon graduation, being fully qualified to commence clinical practice.
- People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must reside in or have resided in the rural LGAs of Gannawarra or Loddon prior to undertaking their tertiary education.

## Eligible schools include:

- Boort Secondary College
- Pyramid Hill College
- Kerang Technical High School
- Kerang Christian College
- Cohuna Secondary College.

# Selection Criteria



Scholarships will be awarded in relevant disciplines to meet Workforce needs.

For the 2018 Scholarship Intake, the following disciplines have been identified as areas of workforce shortage: Medicine and Allied Health.

# Submissions

Completed applications must be received by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 31 October 2018. The NDCH Rural Health Scholarship provides successful applicants with a share of \$5,000.

Applications will be assessed annually in November by the NDCH Board. Successful applicants will be notified and an announcement of the results will be made at the presentation night of the relevant school(s) prior to the end of the year.

## Personal Details

Title:  Ms  Mr  Miss  Other

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Australian Permanent Resident?  Yes  No

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Origin?  Yes  No

Are you or have you been a resident of:  Gannawarra Shire  Loddon Shire

## Contact Details

Current Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Education Details

Are you currently studying full time:  Yes  No

What are you currently studying: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you studying: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, are you about to commence full time study:  Yes  No

What are you due to commence studying: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you due to commence studying: \_\_\_\_\_

## Written Statement

Please provide a written statement which clearly addresses the following three areas:

1. How will the scholarship funding assist you and how would you utilise funding of up to \$5,000 per year?
2. What is your understanding of the current health issues facing rural Victorians and in particular those in your local community?
3. At the end of your studies, where would you like to be working and why?

## Submitting Your Application

Applications can be submitted online via the NDCH website [www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au).

**Before submitting your application please ensure you have included:**

- A completed application form
- Your written statement
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Contact details for two Referees (one from a member of the community e.g. School Principal)

## Applications Close

31 October 2018 at 5.00pm

# Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Successful applicants will be required to supply proof of University/TAFE acceptance and enrolment.

*Please note:* At the time of application you are not required to provide your University acceptance/enrolment.

Scholarship recipients will be asked to participate in the preparation of a profile on themselves and their studies which will be featured in the NDCH Annual Report.

## Use of Scholarship Funding

### Acceptable Uses

- Accommodation  
Accommodation is a significant added cost for rural students, so scholarship funds can be used to support you living away from home.
- University/TAFE Course Fees  
School/TAFE course fees can be covered by scholarship funds.
- Books  
Book purchases should directly relate to your chosen study course.
- Computer Equipment  
If you do not own suitable computer equipment and this is considered to hinder your education, then this would be a reasonable expense. You should attempt to source the most cost effective options to serve the purpose for which it is required. For example, a suitable laptop for basic word processing can be bought for around \$500.
- Transportation  
Public transport costs are an acceptable use of the scholarship funds if the cost is associated with travel to and from University or TAFE.
- Stationery  
Stationery such as paper, exercise books, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, and similar items are all acceptable purchases.

### Un-Acceptable Uses

- Back-dated Expenses and Debt  
Scholarship funds must not be used to cover backdated educational expenses / debt incurred in previous years.
- Expenses for other Family Members  
The funds cannot be used to pay for any expenses relating to your family members who are not scholarship recipients.

## Recipient Responsibilities

Recipient(s) of scholarship funding are expected to notify NDCH if they intend to:

- Leave University/TAFE
- Move to a new University/TAFE
- Change type of study course

## Need More Information?

Do you have questions? Do you need more information regarding the application or selection process? Contact NDCH's Customer Engagement Team on (03) 5451 0200.