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Flying Doctor scholarships help careers take-off

Applications are now open for the 2017 'Give Them Wings' health scholarships, which support students from country Victoria with a flying start at university.

The five scholarships are valued at \$2,500 each and contribute towards university living expenses and includes an experience of a day in the life of a Flying Doctor – on the road or in the air.

'Give Them Wings' is open to first year students from Victorian regional and rural communities, with five allied health scholarships to be awarded in 2017, including one specifically for a student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Now in its sixth year, 'Give Them Wings' has provided 14 students with scholarships and experiences with the RFDS.

"I am now a nurse in a regional aged care facility. Being a recipient of the Give Them Wings Scholarship in 2013 was an amazing experience and one I still talk about years later," says Kloi-Jayd Martin.

"These scholarships help the next generation of nursing and allied health professionals return to country Victoria to assist in bridging the health gap between urban and rural communities" said RFDS Victoria Chief Executive Scott Chapman.

Applications for the 2017 'Give Them Wings' scholarships close on 18 April. Further details, including the application form, are available at

<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/givethemwings>

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