

RFDS (Queensland Section) Midwifery Scholarships 2026

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

PLEASE READ THE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Enquiries can be sent to: recruitment@rfdsqld.com.au

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) is offering nursing and midwifery scholarships in partnership with the Dalara Foundation and Maureen Stevenson Foundation. The funds awarded are intended to offer financial assistance toward the completion of an approved midwifery course.

The successful applicant will be required to complete their midwifery course and have a commitment to work for 12 months (at a full-time equivalent) at any RFDS (Queensland Section) Base. The role location will be determined by the RFDS according to organisational needs and nursing vacancies at the time. Scholarship recipients are required to accept a position within 12 months of completion/midwifery registration.

These Guidelines outline the conditions of the scholarship and the selection criteria.

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for the scholarship, you will:

- > Hold current registration as a Registered Nurse in Australia with AHPRA; and
- Demonstrate 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 indepartment medical coverage and/or a recognised Intensive Care Unit; and
- Provide evidence of an application or acceptance into a relevant midwifery course commencing in 2026, or be currently enrolled in a midwifery qualification and due to complete in 2026; and
- > Demonstrate a commitment to working at any RFDS (Qld Section) base within 12 months of successful completion of the midwifery studies; and
- > Hold valid working rights for Australia.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Scholarship recipients are required to complete a minimum of one year of service (or full-time equivalent) with the RFDS (Qld Section) following the successful completion of the Midwifery course and obtaining AHPRA registration as a midwife. The Base location and commencement date for employment will be determined by the RFDS according to organisational needs and nursing vacancies at the time.
- > Funding is up to the value of \$10,000. The level of funding eligible for each applicant is dependent upon the course being undertaken and the scholarship awarded.
- > The funding is applicable for course fees and required resource materials. Payment will be made and managed by RFDS (Qld section) on the production of relevant invoices and/or receipts.

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- A confirmation of enrolment will be required prior to funds being reimbursed. Receipts and/or invoices are to be sent to csd@rfdsqld.com.au. Payment will be made via a direct deposit into your nominated bank account.
- > Please note that in the event that you fail to complete the course or you are unable to fulfil the requirements of at least 12 months full-time equivalent service, full repayment of the scholarship funds reimbursed to you will be required.
- If your enrolment details alter from those on your original application, the RFDS (QLD Section) must be notified in writing, as this may impact your scholarship funding, e.g. withdrawal, deferment, or change from full-time to part-time study. Failure to notify may require you to repay scholarship funds.
- Scholarship recipients are required to submit a copy of their course results to the RFDS (QLD Section) at the end of each semester and at the completion of the program/course.
- > Scholarship recipients are required to notify the RFDS (Queensland Section) in writing of any change of contact details as soon as possible.
- > If you have applied for or have received scholarship funding from any other source, please let us know. This may be considered in the assessment of your application.
- > Scholarship recipients will be eligible to apply for internal vacancies within RFDS (Queensland Section) following completion of their 12-month full-time equivalent service.
- Once you complete your midwifery studies and secure a role with the RFDS (Queensland Section), you'll have access to all staff benefits outlined in RFDS Policies. This includes the relocation and remote area policies.

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Applicants are advised to seek independent financial advice regarding the tax implications of receiving the scholarship.