

MIDWIFERY SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES



Before preparing your application
it is recommended that you read
these guidelines carefully.



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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.

The application should be received by email or post by the closing date listed on our website.

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 students only.

PLEASE MARK APPLICATIONS "CONFIDENTIAL" AND EMAIL OR POST TO:

Head of Nursing
Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations
3 Eagle Drive Jandakot Airport Jandakot WA 6164
Email: nursing@rfdswa.com.au

INTRODUCTION

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is offering scholarships to nurses who would like to work for the RFDS but do not have the required Midwifery qualification.

The successful applicant will be required to complete the course and then work for a minimum of one year at any base within the RFDS WA.

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. Your single application will be considered for all three scholarships.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Registered nurses with three to five years' experience or qualifications in emergency or critical care nursing who are eligible for registration with the AHPRA are invited to apply for a midwifery scholarship as advertised. Scholarships are for study in the year commencing January 2026.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.



CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- 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 one year's service with the RFDS WA following the completion of the specified course. This service could be conducted at any one or more RFDS WA bases. The location of this service is to be agreed with the RFDS WA.
- Scholarship funding is for study in the year commencing January 2026 only.
- The level of funding eligible for each applicant is set at up to \$10,000 per annum payable in two installments at the commencement and completion of study. The funding is to cover course fees (including HECS) and books required for the course.
- Payments: Two instalments of up to \$5,000 each will be paid directly to the scholar to reimburse course-related costs when paid receipts are presented to the RFDS WA. The second payment will be made pending the receipt of final results from the course.
- 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 one year's service with the RFDS are liable to refund all of the scholarship funds awarded.
- The course being considered by the applicant must be approved by the RFDS WA.
- 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 WA 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 WA at the end of each semester and at the completion of the program / course.
- Applicants are required to notify the RFDS WA in writing of any change of address as soon as possible via nursing@rfdswa.com.au.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Registered as a General AHPRA.
- Three to five years post graduate experience, which must include either critical / emergency nursing.
- Acceptance into a midwifery course conducted by an approved and accredited provider.
- A willingness to work at any RFDS location designated by the relevant RFDS Section.
- Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.



YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Certified photocopy of current “license to practice / certificate of registration” from AHPRA.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Names and contact details of two (2) professional referees.
- A certified photocopy of your academic record of nursing and emergency / critical care qualifications obtained including subject details and results.
- Details of any study grants received in the past five years.
- Details of the midwifery course to be undertaken including:
 - 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;
 - evidence of enrolment into course.

Thank you for your interest. Good luck.





OUR MIDWIFERY SCHOLARSHIPS



The Wendy Scholarship for Midwifery

This scholarship is provided with the support of a generous donor who is a critical care nurse. The scholarship is in memory of her Mother, Wendy, who was a nurse from regional WA, and a strong supporter of the RFDS.



Rural Health West sponsors the Savannah Addis Scholarship

Savannah was an inspirational Western Australian known for her compassion, emotional resilience and commitment to improving the life of others. She passed away in August 2018 after losing the fight to Alagille Syndrome, a genetic disorder affecting the liver and heart.



RFDS Federation

The RFDS is investing in the future of healthcare by supporting and training the next generation of rural health professionals. This helps ensure isolated communities continue to receive vital, high-quality care.



Acknowledgement of Country

The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Western Australia respects and acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which we live, work and fly.

We acknowledge their continuing connection to the land, sea and skies of Western Australia.

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