

The Carmel Baulderstone Memorial Scholarship



The Carmel Baulderstone Memorial Scholarship will be established from 2014. The scholarship is designed to provide assistance to undergraduate nursing students admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing at Flinders University and enrolled in the second or third year of the course to undertake a Professional Experience Placement at a School of Nursing & Midwifery-approved clinical education facility in a rural or remote setting.

The scholarships will provide contributions towards living allowance and travel costs, and will be awarded to one or more students, subject to their type of placement and circumstances, to a total value of \$6000 annually.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the health needs of Australians living in rural and remote areas.

Source of Funds

This scholarship has been established from a bequest made from the estate of Bert and Carmel Baulderstone, and contributed to by their family, friends and colleagues.

In 1944 Carmel Summerfield (later Baulderstone) was registered as a nurse in South Australia after four years of training at Calvary Hospital, and later spent a further 9 months training in Obstetrical Nursing in Launceston. Like many of her generation, Carmel's nursing career ended on her marriage; however she retained a lifelong connection with nursing. She was an active member of the Calvary Past Nurses' Association and took a keen interest in medical research and changes to nursing practice. Providing support for students to undertake practical placements is consistent with Carmel's support for education and love of the nursing profession.

Eligibility

Applicants for the scholarship must:

- be an Australian citizen or hold permanent residency status; and
- be enrolled in, or intending to enrol in, a Professional Experience Placement topic in the second or third year of the Bachelor of Nursing at Flinders University; and
- be able to demonstrate an interest in and understanding of the health needs of Australians living in rural and remote areas; and
- maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 5.0.

Special Conditions

If a recipient is unable to attend the rural placement, he or she will be required to repay the scholarship in full.

Tenure

The scholarship is offered annually, previous recipients cannot re-apply. The scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the selection panel. There is no obligation to offer the scholarship in any given year, should there not be a suitable applicant.

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Selection

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:

- academic merit.
- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the health needs of Australians living in rural and remote areas.

Preference will be given to placements with an Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) rural and remote location classification of RA3 or RA4.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online through the Flinders University Student System by the specified closing date.

Advertising

The scholarship will be advertised on the University website and other appropriate media as determined by Flinders University.