



2024 Scholarship Program Information Pack

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Yea & District Memorial Hospital Scholarship Program for 2024.

Please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions please contact Jacky Baynes, Human Resource Officer via email: scholarship@ydmh.org.au.

Scholarship Applications close at **5PM Friday 26th January 2024**.

Please forward your completed application along with supporting documentation to:

Post:	CEO, Yea & District Memorial Hospital, Scholarship Application 45 Station Street, Yea Vic 3717
In Person:	YDMH Scholarship Application, Yea & District Memorial Hospital 45 Station Street, Yea
Email:	scholarship@ydmh.org.au

Late submissions will not be considered.

**Mr Ian Marshman
Chair – Board of Management
Yea & District Memorial Hospital**

Background Information

Yea & District Memorial Hospital Scholarship Program has been established to support candidates who require financial assistance for expenses incurred in relation to completing tertiary studies in an accredited medical, nursing or health science discipline.

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to support students interested in pursuing or furthering a career in a health-related practise. The scholarship will be available to local residents in Yea or Murrindindi Shire who are currently enrolled in an accredited tertiary medical, nursing or health science course and also to existing YDMH employees who are furthering their health studies. The total Scholarship Program offered will be **up to the value of \$10,000 each year.**

Scholarship Value

Scholarship financial assistance is available to cover:

- Fees - excluding Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) contributions
- Textbooks and other study material requirements such as stationary, laptops
- Travel associated with attending undergraduate studies
- Accommodation associated with attending undergraduate studies.

Financial assistance will be provided to an agreed value. The nominated value will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors to set either for the duration of a candidate's undergraduate studies or for a period of a candidate's studies.

Number of Scholarships awarded

The Board of Directors will have the option to award either one scholarship or a number of scholarships from the total scholarship funds available to candidates who meet the eligibility requirements. On the Board's absolute discretion, they may determine to not award any scholarships in any year.

Where a scholarship is awarded for a period of a candidate's studies the candidate will be eligible to reapply in subsequent years for the duration they are enrolled in their course.

Eligibility

Scholarships will be only offered to those students who:

- Reside in Yea or the Murrindindi Shire
- Are Australian citizens or permanent residents
- Are participating for the first time in tertiary studies in a medical, nursing or health science discipline in Australia. (Please note that 'Tertiary' refers to education undertaken at a TAFE, university or other Registered Training Organisation for the purpose of completing higher education/training).
- Are a current YDMH employee commencing further health related study course

Scholarship financial assistance will only be provided to students who remain enrolled in a relevant course and continue to meet course requirements.

An example of the disciplines that are eligible for support included:

- Art Therapy
- Audiology
- Biomedical Science
- Dentistry
- Health Promotion
- Hospital Pharmacy
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Medical Radiation
- Medicine
- Music Therapy
- Nursing – Registered & Endorsed Enrolled
- Occupational Therapy
- Orthoptics
- Paramedic Studies
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Prosthetics/Orthotics
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology

Selection Criteria

Applications for scholarships will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Applicants successful acceptance into a medical, nursing or health science course at a university or higher education training provider
- Compliance with residency and enrolment requirements
- Appropriate completion of Scholarship Program application process
- Demonstrated financial need and or involvement in the community.

Scholarship Application

The complete Scholarship Application, addressing the selection criteria and supported by the necessary evidence (original or certified copies) should be forwarded:

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ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM Friday 27th January 2023.

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Shortlisted Candidates for Interview

All applications will be assessed for eligibility as outlined in the Yea & District Memorial Hospital Scholarship Program Policy. Selection of suitable applicants will be undertaken by a scholarship panel which will comprise two Board of Directors and up to two YDMH staff representatives. They determine how many applicants will receive an interview.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted via phone, it is therefore essential that we are provided with phone numbers that we can contact you on. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in Yea or via remote link mid-February 2024. Candidates will need to make themselves available for an interview.

The scholarship recipient/s will be announced in early March 2024. The decision made by the Yea & District Memorial Hospital Board of Directors will be final.

Scholarship Acceptance

Following the candidate interviews, successful applicants will be notified in writing about the level of support they will be provided.

To accept the scholarship, successful applicants must submit their acceptance and supporting documents to the 'scholarship panel' including:

- A signed letter accepting the scholarship and scholarship conditions
- Confirmation of enrolment in applicable course
- Evidence of Course – enrolled units, subjects or courses
- Enrolment status – part time/full time course load.

Successful applicants will be required to provide mid and end year reports to the Board of Directors regarding studies progress – by accepting the scholarship they will be agreeing to this requirement.

Once an applicant's acceptance documentation is received scholarship payment can be made directly to the recipient. The successful scholarship applicant/s will be presented the scholarship cheques and certificates in **March 2024**.

Review Process

Scholarship recipients will be expected to provide advice on their study progress via an interview, attendance at a meeting or written submission to the Yea & District Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

Students who fail to remain enrolled in a relevant course and continue to meet course requirements may be required to repay funds or demonstrate how they plan to meet the requirements of their course.

- **Deferment from course** - if a student is required to defer their studies they must notify the Yea & District Memorial Hospital within one month of the change in study arrangements. A decision about the return of all or part of the scholarship money will be made by the scholarship panel. Students may re-apply in subsequent scholarship rounds.
- **Withdrawal from course** - Scholarship recipients withdrawing from the course are required to notify the Yea & District Memorial Hospital within one week of withdrawal. A decision about the return of all or part of the scholarship money will be made by the scholarship panel.

- **Declined scholarships** may be offered to the next most suitable candidate.

Application Form

The Application Form can be downloaded from the hospital's website:

www.yeahospital.org.au/scholarship

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Good luck!