

Maldon Hospital Scholarship

GUIDELINES

Introduction

As part of its ongoing commitment to maintain and improve the health status of rural communities, the Maldon Hospital has established a Health Scholarships program.

The aim of the Maldon Hospital Health Scholarships program is to financially assist full-time tertiary students from the Maldon district who are enrolled in a health related discipline. The eligibility of disciplines will be at the discretion of the Board of Management of Maldon Hospital (to be referred to as the Board).

Maldon Hospital Health Scholarships (to be referred to as the Scholarships) were created to support full-time tertiary health students from the Maldon region achieve their goals while supporting recruitment and retention strategies for health professionals in rural areas. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a commitment to a rural career in health.

About the Maldon Hospital Scholarships

- The Scholarship will be a cash payment of up to \$2,000 per year, payable on proof of full time enrolment in a health related discipline, as approved by the Board.
- One new Scholarship will be awarded each year, unless decided otherwise by the Board.
- The Scholarship will be paid in two annual instalments of \$1,000 to the successful applicant for a maximum of three years, when the recipient:
 - provides proof of full-time enrolment in the tertiary course as nominated in the initial Scholarship application. If the recipient plans on changing courses, prior approval must be sought from the Board for the scholarship to remain valid;
 - satisfactorily completes the previous half year's study;
 - provides a written report on their progress in the nominated course at the end of each academic year;
- A Scholarship may be deferred at the discretion of the Board, or by request of the recipient.
- The recipient may be asked to provide a brief presentation towards the end of each tertiary study year to either the Maldon Hospital Annual General Meeting or the Board, on an aspect of their course as related to rural health.

If you receive a scholarship and are in receipt of a Youth Allowance or an AUSTUDY payment through Centrelink, then you will be obliged to notify Centrelink of your acceptance of a Scholarship as it may affect your entitlement to payment. Contact Centrelink for more information.

The Maldon Hospital Scholarships application process

1. Completed Application Forms and any accompanying documentation are to be marked Confidential and emailed to admin@maldhosp.vic.gov.au attentioned to the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.
2. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed by the Board's Scholarship Committee.
3. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their Scholarship application.
4. The Scholarship Committee's decision, as ratified by the Board, is final.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. Be an Australian citizen.
2. Have resided in the Maldon region for a minimum of three years
3. Be in the process of enrolling, or enrolled, as a full time student for the current year in a tertiary health related course.
4. Not be a recipient of another education scholarship.

Further information

If you need further information, or clarification of any points in the Guidelines, please contact the Chair of the Board Scholarships Committee:

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