

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to members of the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses to participate in further studies or research that directly enhance the applicant's professional learning related to maternal and child health nursing practice. The scholarship is to be used solely for this purpose and is not transferrable. Two Scholarships are available per year to the value of \$1,000.

### **Eligibility**

The applicant must be a current financial member of the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses and work in the field as a Maternal and Child Health Nurse in Victoria.

### **Conditions of the Grant**

Applications must be made on the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses 'Scholarship / Professional Development Grant Application Form' and be received by the designated closing date. Late applications will not be considered.

The further studies or research for which the scholarship is obtained should be concluded within 2 years of receipt of the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are **required** to submit a paper for publication in the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses Newsletter within 12 months of completing the further studies or research.

If successful applicants are presenting a paper, they are to publicly acknowledge the financial support provided by the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

Scholarships will generally not be awarded to individuals who have received any scholarships from the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses in the previous three years, although this will be at the committee's discretion.

### **Selection Criteria**

Assessment and selection of the applicants will be made by the Executive Committee based on:

- The benefit the scholarship would make to the applicant's clinical practice
- Applicability of the further study or research in relation to Maternal and Child Health nursing practice
- Other funding received/applied for in relation to the current application

Selection will occur within one month of the closing date for applications. The Executive Committee reserves the right to select by secret ballot if necessary and the decision of this committee will be final.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:** 30 April 2012

**Successful applications will be informed in writing by the secretary of the Executive Committee.**