



GUIDELINES FOR FRAN MORRIS AWARD-MCH STUDENT NURSE 2026

This Award is named after Fran Morris, in recognition of her contribution to and promotion of maternal and child health nursing in Victoria and to encourage student maternal and child health nurses to aspire to a career in maternal and child health nursing practice.

Criteria: The annual prize of \$500 is awarded to the maternal and child health student nurse who has clearly demonstrated a commitment and interest in the promotion of the professional, educational, economic or social interests of maternal and child health.

Nominations will be accepted for maternal and child health student nurses undertaking an accredited post graduate study that will lead to practice as a maternal and child health nurse in Victoria.

Nominations should be accompanied by a recommendation from one of their course lecturers at the tertiary institution.

The nominee must be a current financial member of the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Inc.

Conditions of the Award: Nominations must be made on the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses Inc 'Fran Morris Award Nomination Form' and be received by the designed closing date.

Late nominations will not be considered.

Award nominees are required to submit a 3,000-word essay on themes relating to maternal and child health nursing.

Submissions will not be returned, please keep a copy.

Selection Criteria Assessment and selection of the winner/s will be made by the Executive Committee based on how well the submission meets the criteria. The decision of VAMCHN Inc Executive Committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. If the Executive Committee believes there are no suitable nominees, the prize will be held over until the following year.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: Monday 4 May 2026 The winner/s of the award will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13 May 2026 commencing at 6PM at ANMF House, 535 Elizabeth St, Melbourne VIC 3000.