

The “MPB Scholarship”

Guidelines and Conditions

General Information

The Friendly Society Private Hospital in conjunction with a generous community member have formed the “MPB Scholarship” which will assist with the provision of training to Nursing Students at the Friendlies Hospital.

The “MPB Scholarship” is to be an annual award with the successful recipient announced at the annual Friendly Society Private Hospital Awards Evening held in March each year. The successful recipient(s) will receive a scholarship to assist them with their study while undertaking their second or third year of Nursing studies and work placement.

This Scholarship is designed to recognise nursing students, aged between 18 and 30 years (inclusive) who have demonstrated outstanding efforts and contributions. It will provide them with support as they grow and develop their nursing knowledge and skills whilst continuing their studies and work placement. The nominee should be able to demonstrate their commitment to professional nursing and also the intention to work in a regional setting upon graduation. The nominee should also be able to clearly demonstrate their efforts as being above and beyond the normal expectations of a nursing student.

It should be noted that this award is not to solely recognise outstanding academic achievement, but rather to recognise an outstanding all-rounder who demonstrates exemplary effort towards achieving their goal of a career in Nursing.

The Scholarship, for a sum of five thousand dollars, will be offered each year for nursing students at the start of their second or third year of study.

Eligibility Guidelines –

The Friendly Society Private Hospital shall call for applications for the Scholarship in November each year for the “MPB Scholarship”

To be eligible to be selected as a recipient of the “MPB Scholarship”, the nominee must demonstrate an ability to fulfil the following judging criteria –

- (i) Be aged between 18 and 30 years of age inclusive
- (ii) Certified evidence of being a nursing student
- (iii) Certified evidence of being an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- (iv) Evidence of having already successfully completed practical placement at the Friendly Society Private Hospital
- (v) Provision of a current Curriculum Vitae or Resume.
- (vi) Two professional referees or endorsement letters from current supervisors.
- (vii) Evidence of results with a cumulative GPA above 5.0
- (viii) A 1 page essay which should indicate but not be limited to
 - a) reasons for pursuing a career in Nursing
 - b) related volunteer experience
 - c) related job experience
 - d) professional goals and aspirations
 - e) academic successes
 - f) commitment and ties to the Bundaberg Region

Conditions –

1. The scholarship will be equivalent to the value of \$5,000.00.
2. In the event of more than one worthy recipient, the Scholarship Selection Committee may elect to offer a secondary award if funds allow, or divide the sum to be distributed as appropriate.
3. The Scholarship may not be awarded each year, should the Scholarship Selection Committee deem the quality of nominations to be not of a sufficient standard to be worthy of receiving such a prestigious award.
4. The Scholarship will be paid bi-annually in reimbursement of funds outlaid by the nominee on receipt of valid tax invoices.
5. The successful applicant will be required to submit their semester results for the duration of the scholarship.
6. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall comprise of three (3) members being the Mayor of BRC (or their delegate), a FSPH delegate and Mr Glen Toll of Baker O'Brien + Toll Solicitors (or his delegate).
7. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall be responsible for judging the quality of the nominations and determining the recipients and shall do so without any responsibility or liability and without any obligation to ascribe reasons or bases for such determination.
8. Payment will be made directly to the successful applicant on receipt of documented evidence. Funding will not be provided for:
 - overseas study
 - purchase of equipment (eg computers or software)
 - loss of income or wages
 - internet fees or phone calls
 - no retrospective payments will be made
9. To allow maximum opportunity applicants may only apply once for the scholarship and as such any previous applications successful or not will not be considered for subsequent scholarship rounds

Termination of the Scholarship-

The Friendly Society Private Hospital may terminate a Scholarship if:

- a) The study is not carried out with competence or diligence; or if satisfactory progress is not being made; or if required reporting on the studies is not occurring, or
- b) The applicant terminates their placement or has their placement terminated with the Friendly Society Private Hospital

Upon the termination, monies already paid to the successful applicant not duly expended or committed shall be retained.

Applications -

Please forward **three** copies of your completed application to:

The Friendly Society Private Hospital
Executive Services
Scholarship Selection Committee
19 – 23 Bingera Street
Bundaberg QLD 4670

Applications must arrive on or before Friday the 31st of October 2025 at 12 noon.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Winner(s) will be announced at the 2025 Staff Awards Night on 28th November 2025.