



Country Health SA Local Health Network

Undergraduate & Professional Entry Scholarship

Guideline for applicants



**Government
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CHSALHN Undergraduate and Professional Entry Scholarships

Country Health SA Local Health Network (CHSALHN) is committed to providing a range of high quality health services to meet the needs of South Australians in regional, rural and remote areas. CHSALHN awards scholarships to those residing in these areas who have a strong commitment to a continued and future professional practice in the country.

Who Can Apply

- > Full time students currently studying or about to commence an undergraduate degree at University in a relevant discipline.
- > Full time students currently studying or about to commence a required graduate or professional entry course which will lead to the student, upon graduation, being fully qualified to commence clinical practice.
- > Applicants must reside in or have resided in rural South Australia prior to undertaking their tertiary education.
- > People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply

Eligible Courses

Scholarships will be awarded in relevant disciplines to meet Workforce needs; for the 2018 Undergraduate Scholarship Intake the following disciplines have been identified as areas of workforce shortage: **Registered Nursing, Podiatry, Physiotherapy and Dietetics.**

Applications from Allied Health students will be accepted for both undergraduate, and required graduate or professional entry courses, however the course must lead to the student, upon graduation, being fully qualified to commence clinical practice.

If you have any questions about what is an eligible health discipline, please visit the Country Health SA website at: <http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/countryscholarships> or alternatively contact the Organisational Development Consultant on

Phone: 8226 6468.

Email: healthcountryscholarships@sa.gov.au

Scholarship Funding

- > The Scholarship provides students with \$5,000 per year in two half payments of \$2,500 for up to four years study for your undergraduate degree.
- > CHSALHN recommends scholarship recipients seek independent personal, financial advice before accepting a scholarship offer.

Application Process

Applications can be submitted online via the Country Health SA website and must be received by the closing date listed on the Country Health SA LHN website <http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/countryscholarships>

Applications should include:

- > A completed online application form
- > A curriculum vitae or resume
- > Two written referee statements (one from a member of the community e.g. School Principal)
- > A short-written statement

Please note: If the online application form or any of the above supplementary documents are not all included in your application it will be deemed ineligible.

Written Statement

The written statement (max 300 words) needs to clearly address the following three areas:

1. How will the scholarship funding assist you and how do you see you would utilise the \$5,000 per year?
2. What is your understanding of current health issues facing all South Australians and in particular your local community?
3. At the end of your studies where would you like to be working and why?

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Scholarship Terms and Conditions

If successful, you will need to:

- > **supply** proof of University acceptance and enrolment. Please note: At the time of application you do not require your University acceptance to apply for the scholarship. If you are successful in winning a scholarship you will then be required to provide proof of acceptance and enrolment.
- > **upon** request, supply a Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) National Criminal History Record check and National Police Clearance at your own expense in accordance with SA Health Policy. The following checks are essential for all new employees, volunteers, students and contractors employed or engaged to perform work within CHSALHN:
 - > [Child – related employment screening – DCSI National Criminal History Record Check](#)
 - > [Aged care sector employment screening – National Police Clearance](#)
- > **maintain** a successful academic record (pass-grades) throughout your undergraduate studies.
- > **provide** a copy of your official academic results at the end of each semester as well as proof of enrolment for the next semester (applicable).
- > **ensure** the scholarship funds are used for expenses directly related to study (keep copies of all receipts).
- > **work anywhere** in a rural area as may be required by Country Health SA LHN upon completion of your course for a period equivalent to the number of years of scholarship funding awarded. Some scholarships are funded by Health Advisory Councils (HAC); recipients of these scholarships may be required to work in the HAC area.
- > **accept** the scholarship terms and conditions through a signed agreement, students who do not fulfil these obligations may be required to repay the scholarship funding.
- > Country Health SA LHN recommends scholarship applicants seek independent personal, financial advice before accepting a scholarship offer from CHSA LHN.

Work requirement with CHSALHN

- > Upon successful completion of your undergraduate degree recipients are required to work anywhere as may be required by Country Health SA LHN rural location for a period equivalent to the number of years funding was provided.
- > You are responsible for applying for positions to fulfil your bonding agreement. Country Health SA LHN will not find employment for you.
- > You may be required to locate to a rural area in South Australia where there are positions available to fulfil your bonding agreement.
- > If required, you can fulfil your work requirement at more than one health service across Country Health SA LHN, as long as you work for the equivalent number of years as funding was provided to you.

For a list of rural health services in Country Health SA LHN please visit the Country Health SA Website at: <http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/countryscholarships>

If you have any questions about the work requirement and what is a rural public sector health service under Country Health SA and the Minister for Health you should visit our

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Applications Close: Friday 15 September 2017

For more information

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