



## Grace Kinsella Women's Health Memorial Scholarship

### Background

The Grace Kinsella Women's Health Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Grace Kinsella in 2018 by her family. Grace Kinsella was an Aboriginal woman of the Worimi tribe born in 1948. Grace was a nurse and midwife who was a passionate advocate for women's health, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait women's health. She initially worked in the Hunter Valley, and later in Sydney, and became the first Aboriginal independent women's health practitioner in NSW. Grace set up women's health clinics in Western Sydney, in caravan parks, community centres, and shopping centres. She always maintained a strength-based and trauma-informed approach which was very effective in attracting women to come to her clinics for preventative health checks. Grace will forever be known in the community as a leader to her friends and colleagues, and role model to nurses and midwives who aspired to be like her.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Grace Kinsella Women's Health Memorial Scholarship is to provide annual funding for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives to undertake the required education to prepare them for employment in women's health. The Women's Health Nurse (WHN) as a career path still struggles to gain traction in the health field, yet these nurses play such an important role in the community. This scholarship aims to encourage more Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives to pursue a career in this field.

(The educational requirements for the WHN role can be found on the website of the Australian Women's Health Nurse Association, the Advanced Practice Standards: <https://www.womenshealthnurses.asn.au/resource/#>)

### Scholarship

This year, one (1) \$1000 scholarship will be awarded.

### Terms and Conditions

If you are successful in achieving a scholarship, you will be required to:

- ④ have submitted an application and/or been accepted into a relevant education program to prepare you for employment in women's health within six months of receiving the scholarship funds
- ④ provide a short-written report within three months of completing the education program

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- ⌚ be willing to provide a photo and profile for use by CATSINaM in communications including website and social media for further promotion of this initiative

### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- ⌚ be a full member of CATSINaM
- ⌚ have a minimum of two years post-registration experience as a nurse or midwife
- ⌚ disclose information about any CATSINaM scholarship that you have received within the last two (2) years
- ⌚ has not defaulted on the terms and conditions of a CATSINaM scholarship previously awarded.

### **Selection criteria**

Applications will be considered according to the following criteria:

- ⌚ Application form is completed
- ⌚ CV demonstrates nursing or midwifery practice relevant to goal of being a WHN
- ⌚ Quality of written supporting information
- ⌚ Applicant explains why he/she wants to become a WHN
- ⌚ Applicant explains how scholarship will help he/she become a WHN

### **How to apply**

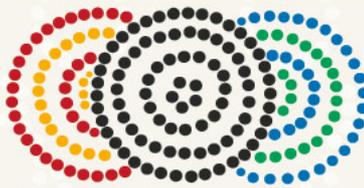
In order to apply for this scholarship, we request the following:

- ⌚ a completed application form – available at the bottom of this document
- ⌚ a 300-word description of why you want to become a WHN and how the scholarship will help you achieve your goal
- ⌚ a summarised curriculum vitae (maximum length two (2) A4 pages)

Closing date for scholarship applications is COB Friday **30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

Please send your completed application and any supporting materials to:

[catsinam@catsinam.org.au](mailto:catsinam@catsinam.org.au)



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### Application Form

The specific eligibility requirements for the Grace Kinsella Women's Health Scholarship, selection criteria, and terms and conditions is outlined above.

The scholarship funding granted is at the absolute discretion of CATSINaM.

Completed applications and particulars requested are to be emailed to:  
[catsinam@catsinam.org.au](mailto:catsinam@catsinam.org.au)

<b>Full name</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Education program you are applying or have applied for</b>	
<b>Education program commencement date</b>	
<b>Cost of education program</b>	

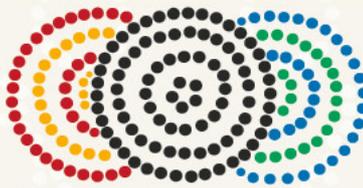
**Are you a full member of CATSINaM?** Yes  No

**Have you received a CATSINaM scholarship in the last two years?** Yes  No

**If 'Yes', please describe the scholarship and nature of the funding you received:**

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**Other financial support, paid leave, or other benefits**

Please provide details of any other financial support, paid leave or other benefits received in relation to your application to undertake education to become a Women's Health Nurse

**Supporting information**

Please provide a 300 word description of why you want to become a Women's Health Nurse and how the scholarship will help you achieve your goal of becoming a Women's Health Nurse