



OPERATING ROOM NURSES ASSOCIATION  
of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

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**PARTRICIA MANNION SCHOLARSHIP**  
**and**  
**ORNA WA (INC) SCHOLARSHIP**

**INFORMATION and GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The purpose of these scholarships is to enable a successful applicant to gain further education and training in an area of interest to self and for the benefit of perioperative nursing practice.

**2. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships will be considered and awarded to Registered and Enrolled Nurses who fit the following criteria:

- a) Enrolled in continuing education such as relevant post graduate or honours programs and also to Registered and Enrolled nurses who work in country areas who wish to embark on additional specialist perioperative clinical practice training. Applicants must organise their own clinical placement prior to a scholarship application. The Operating Room Nurses Association of Western Australia (Inc) (ORNA WA) takes no responsibility in finding placements for scholarship applicants.
- b) Be a Full or Honorary Members of ORNA WA and shall have been employed as a perioperative nurse for a period of one (1) year prior to the application for funds.
- c) Have been a member of ORNA WA for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to the application for funds.
- d) Be a resident of Western Australia and provide proof of registration and home address.
- e) Applicants shall submit information about any application for funding from an alternative source/s for the same purpose. This shall be taken into account when the application is processed.
- f) Have not been in receipt of a scholarship from ORNA WA for the preceding two years.

**3. RELEVANCE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

ORNA WA may approve an area of study for continuing education or higher education including a research project by the applicant, which will benefit the beginning or senior perioperative practitioner and is relevant to perioperative nursing. A scholarship may also be approved, where it is seen to assist a perioperative nurse to spend time in a regional hospital

operating suite in order to gain further specialist experience or consolidate practice relevant to their normal place of employment.

#### **4. AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships shall be considered up to the value of \$1500.

#### **5. SELECTION PROCESS**

- a) Applications will be presented at the next Executive Meeting upon receipt
- b) The scholarship application will be considered by all members of the Executive Committee
- c) Applicants will be notified of the outcome within two weeks of the Executive meeting
- d) The scholarship will be expected to be accepted and commenced within six (6) months of receiving the award
- e) The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding on all matters

#### **6. REPORTS**

The successful applicant shall:

- a) Submit at such times as requested by ORNA WA interim reports on the progress of the study or program.
- b) Present to the members a written or oral report covering the area of expertise at the conclusion of the tenure of the scholarship
- c) Be available as a group resource person on the area of interest should the need arise.

#### **7. PUBLICATION and COPYRIGHT**

Scholarship recipients shall retain copyright of all papers and reports submitted to ORNA WA however must acknowledge ORNA WA.

#### **8. APPLICATIONS**

The applicant must provide in hard copy or email form:

- a) A Completed ORNA WA Scholarship Application Form
- b) A written current Curriculum Vitae
- c) A written proposal with the following details:
  - i) The purpose and scope of the study/project must include objectives, key issues to be addressed, expected outcomes, timeframe from completion of project and expected costs.

or

- ii) A full research proposal encompassing: abstract, introduction & background, objectives, significance, methods, ethical issues, data storage, timeframe for completion of study and a budget plan. The budget plan needs to include all consumables, transcribing and data analysis costs, and other related activities.

**NOTE:** The research proposal must not be more than five (5) pages long.

- d) Details of any other financial assistance applications made to other Organisations
- e) A letter stating commencement of practice at a regional establishment (if applicable)
- f) All applications must be mailed to:

Operating Room Nurses Association of Western Australia (Inc)  
PO Box 1370  
BOORAGOON WA 6954

Or

E-mailed to: [enquiries@ornawa.org](mailto:enquiries@ornawa.org)