

Introducing AVWA's new Scholarship Program

Including instructions and application form

At AVWA we have a mission to help people realize their full potential.

In 2024 AVWA are introducing a Scholarship Program that will help eligible community members meet their learning and career goals.

We have **two \$10,000 scholarships** for students enrolled or enrolling in **nursing, occupational therapy, mental health or related health and wellbeing disciplines in Australia.**

Successful scholarship applicants will be paid incrementally after successful enrolment (\$2000), completion of the first six months (\$4000) and completion of course (\$4000). Funds may go towards tuition, books, equipment, accommodation, or any related learning expense. Students may be selected to undertake 6 weeks of paid vacation work in their final years of study, or work placement with AVWA. Applicants can be in any year of study.

Preference will be given to AVWA members, employees, volunteers, clients, or their relatives, and applicants that can demonstrate their willingness and ability to overcome hardship.

Refer to page 3 for the application form. The instructions and application form are available for download via the AVWA website from the launch on **International Women Day on Friday 8 March 2024** and will be closed on **Friday 19 April 2024**. Successful applicants will be notified by email on **Friday 17 May 2024**.

All information submitted will be held in confidence and used solely for the purpose of scholarship administration.

Application process:

- ✓ Applicants will complete an application form including a short profile of themselves, the nature of their hardship, how they demonstrate willingness and ability to overcome, and any extra-curricular activities they participate in.
- ✓ Applicants will describe how the funds will assist them with their learning and career goals.
- ✓ Scholarship applicants will need to provide at least two recommendation letters (for example from teachers, lecturers, community members) and provide proof of their ATAR and enrolment.
- ✓ Applications can be completed in English or Vietnamese.

Applications will be judged by a panel of the Scholarship Committee.

Standard Selection Criteria:

- ✓ Is the applicant an AVWA member, employee, volunteer, client, or relative of the above
- ✓ Hardship – disability, financial, medical, difficult circumstances

- ✓ Willingness and ability to overcome hardships
- ✓ Participation in extra-curricular activities especially volunteering
- ✓ Course selected aligns with requirements in nursing, occupational therapy, mental health or related health and wellbeing disciplines in Melbourne
- ✓ Use of scholarship funds directly related to learning or career
- ✓ Willingness to complete paid vacation work
- ✓ Prior academic performance
- ✓ 2 recommendations from lecturers, teachers or members of the community
- ✓ Conclusions that the Scholarship Committee members draw from a personal interview, from essays, or from other written materials submitted in the application process that demonstrate the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential.

Instructions:

1. This is a writable PDF. You will be able to save your work and edit your responses if you use Adobe Acrobat. Otherwise please print the completed application or print the application and complete by hand.
2. Complete all information. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. Any information provided by applicants must be their own original work, original thoughts of the applicant, in the applicant's own words, written by the applicant.
4. Scholarship applicants will need to attach either a copy of their high school attendance record or transcript of their current course.
5. Final scholarship candidates will be invited for an interview to meet with the scholarship committee. **You will be contacted via email to set up the meeting so please check the email you have provided in this application regularly.**
6. Successful applicants in the program will be invited to attend a recognition luncheon.
7. Successful applicants will be assigned an AVWA Mentor with whom they will have regular contact with throughout their qualification.
8. Completed applications must be received by **Friday 19 April 2024** via email (hr@avwa.org.au) or the address below.

**HR Department
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association
1/6-12 South Rd, Braybrook VIC 3019**

APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name			
Date of Birth			
Address			
City	State	Postcode	
Contact Number			
Email Address			
Are you an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you currently have any other relevant scholarships?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide your scholarships' details:			
<p>In 500 words or less, please describe yourself and your circumstances. Please include any information that will help the Committee, relating to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ any hardship experienced and your willingness and ability to overcome, ➤ community involvement, ➤ volunteer work, ➤ aspirations and goals in life ➤ how the funds will assist you with your learning and career goals <p>Please refer to page 5 and 6 for the provided space to describe.</p>			
If you are awarded the scholarship, do you give permission for AVWA to publish your name, photograph and thesis abstract on the AVWA website and pages?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If successful for the Scholarship, would you like to undertake placement or vacation work at AVWA?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If No, please describe any preference:			

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED IF APPLYING FOR THE \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP	
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)	
Course Details	
University:	
Degree:	
Load	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time
Mode	<input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> In class <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid
Date of enrolment	
Expected date of completion	
Include two recommendation letters (for example from teachers, lecturers, community members) describing an applicable known applicant details relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hardships • achievements • personal qualities • community service activities. 	

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

The information reported is true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

If selected for the AVWA Scholarship I will comply with program requirements, including regular communication with an assigned AVWA mentor.

Signature of Applicant	
Date	
Signature of Parent if under 18 years	
Date	



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- community involvement,
- volunteer work,
- aspirations and goals in life
- how the funds will assist you with your learning and career goals



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