Cancer Council Western Australia has an ongoing commitment to improving palliative care practice throughout WA. This is achieved by facilitating access to ongoing education for health professionals and ensuring that services, such as complimentary and support therapies, are an integral part of inpatient and community palliative care.

The generous bequest from the McLarty Family enables Cancer Council WA to play an important part in providing support to nurses and allied health staff through the provision of post graduate study scholarships.

**Palliative Care Scholarships**

The post graduate study scholarship enables health professionals to pursue post graduate education at Palliative Care Certificate, Diploma and Masters level.

The scholarship funds are available for post graduate education in palliative care nursing and allied health with the aim of increasing the knowledge and skills in the delivery of palliative care and will include:

- Graduate Certificates
- Graduate Diplomas
- Masters

**Funding is not available for:**

- Enrolled nurse to registered nurse conversion course
- Registered nurse re-registration

Whilst preference may be given to those applicants currently employed in a palliative care service, consideration will also be given to any nurse employed in the health care system who can demonstrate that in their work role they care for clients with life limiting illnesses.

Recipients of the McLarty Palliative Care Scholarships will receive funding for the cost of university unit fees only. The program will be accessible to nurses and allied health staff throughout the state and will enable recipients to take their expertise to the workplace enhancing best practice within their location. In addition, the scholarships will provide encouragement for talented health professionals to be attracted to, and remain in, specialist palliative care roles.

**Application Process and Selection**

Scholarships will be awarded annually and are awarded to coincide with the financial year.

**All applicants are required to:**

- Complete the scholarship application form
- Read and sign the terms and conditions
- Attach a copy of their confirmed course enrolment
- Provide a current Curriculum Vitae
- Enclose a letter of support from their current employer

A selection panel will award scholarships.
**Scholarship Criteria**

To be eligible you must be:

- A registered nurse or allied health professional employed in WA
- An Australian Citizen or have permanent residency status at the time of the application
- Undertaking a course that leads to an accredited tertiary qualification
- If successful, willing to participate in an evaluation
- If successful, willing to submit a report following the scholarship detailing choice of scholarship and achievements subsequent to the experience
- Able to submit all documents as required

If your application is successful, you will be sent a letter of confirmation.

**Course Withdrawal or Amendment**

Successful applicants who withdraw from their course of study or who do not pass course requirements must notify Cancer Council WA in writing. Full or partial repayment of scholarship funding may be required after review of individual circumstances.

**Graduation from McLarty Scholarship**

With the increased focus on palliative care excellence, Cancer Council WA envisage that these scholarships will be highly sought after. Successful applicants will be recognised by their peers and within the community to be practitioners of the highest calibre.

Individuals awarded a scholarship will be known as a Cancer Council WA McLarty Palliative Care Scholarship Recipient and on graduation will be presented with a certificate to reflect this.

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