

# Freemasons Christchurch Nursing Scholarship Application Guidelines

## PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

This scholarship is to help individuals who are high academic achievers to achieve their career goals.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Have successfully completed at least one academic year of the Bachelor of Nursing at Ara | Te Pūkenga.
- Have a desire to work in the Canterbury primary health care sector after graduating.

### Supporting Information

You will need to provide the following additional documentation to complete your application:

- A personal statement (up to 500 words) that outlines the special circumstances that make you a candidate for this scholarship.
- Two referee reports (please ensure you use the templates provided on the scholarship webpage).
- Academic Transcripts covering your academic record to date.

### Tips for Applicants

#### Writing Your Personal Statement

Think of your statement like a job application; convince us that YOU are the best candidate for this scholarship.

- Start by introducing yourself; tell us about your background, where you've studied and/or worked and what your interests are.
- Tell us why you want to study this programme.
- Describe any experience you have in this area (paid or volunteer work, study etc).
- Explain what your intentions and career aspirations are once you complete your studies.
- Describe how this scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.

The selection panel may take into consideration the following:

- Alignment to the purpose of the scholarship.
- Academic performance to date.
- Support from your referees.
- All required documentation has been provided.

#### Selecting Your Referees

Character Referee: a person who has known you for at least three years who can attest to your good character. This should not be a friend or relative and should preferably be someone in a position of authority (e.g., teacher, employer, youth group leader, family friend in a managerial and/or professional role).

Academic Referee: a teacher or tutor who is able to comment on your academic performance, work ethic and attendance, along with your ability to succeed in this programme. Alternatively, it could be your line manager within your current employing organisation.

Referees **must not be immediate family, friends, or flatmates.**