

Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships Application Form for Intake 2024

Diploma in General Nursing

Nursing Scholarships for 2024

Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships provide training in priority areas identified by the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia, delivered through selected partner institutions in Papua New Guinea. Nursing scholars and graduates contribute to quality health outcomes across PNG including in rural and remote communities.

Important: Please read all information carefully before completing your application.

This application form is for study in PNG only (not Australia). You must complete your application in English.

The scholarship is available for study at:

- Lae School of Nursing, Morobe
- Lutheran School of Nursing, Madang

Eligibility requirements

You must meet the following requirements to be considered for a scholarship.

- be a non-school leaver (i.e., not be applying directly after completing secondary school)
- be a citizen of PNG and residing in PNG at the time of application
- not have been convicted of a criminal offence
- not have been terminated from a previous Australia Awards scholarship for misconduct.
- completed Grade 12 with a minimum GPA 2.75 and a minimum grade of a B grade in Biology and Chemistry and Language & Literature and a C in Advance Math or A in General Math
- OR matriculation upgrade (DODL/FODE) minimum GPA 3.0 and minimum subject grades as above
- meet the additional conditions of entry for the institution of your choice (see page 2)

(Note: UPNG CTCS six-month upgrade is not accepted by either School of Nursing)

Required supporting documents

You must submit the following documents with your application:

- One recent passport size ID photo with your name and signature on the back of the photo (scanned/electronic copy is acceptable)
- Certified copy of your Grade 12 Higher School Certificate/DODL/FODE Transcript
- Certified copy of your most recent academic certificate (DODL/FODE studies after Grade 12) (if applicable)
- Certified copy of your most recent academic transcript/s
- Certified copy of one of the following: your passport bio page or NID card or birth certificate or photo ID such as driver's license, school ID card, or staff ID card
- A letter of reference from a community leader (e.g., school principal, pastor, village chief, or employer).

Successful applications

If you are offered a scholarship, you will need to:

- sign a contract and be bound by the scholarship conditions
- be accepted for full-time study at the institution identified in your scholarship offer for the duration of the award
- if necessary, live on-campus unaccompanied (no family)
- meet all other conditions of a scholarship award.

Fraudulent documents and false statements

The Australian Government takes a zero-tolerance approach to fraud. All application documents will be verified and if found fraudulent, applicants will be excluded from consideration for this scholarship and any future Australia Awards.

If application fraud is detected after a scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be immediately terminated.

**THIS APPLICATION FORM IS
NOT FOR SALE**

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 30 June



COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

This application form can be completed electronically as a PDF. But you can only save the completed (or partially completed) application if your computer has Adobe Acrobat DC or the latest version of Adobe. Otherwise, you can print off the application form and complete it by hand or complete the application form electronically in one session and print the application before closing.

You may submit your application using any of the methods below:

1. **Online Submission:** You can submit your application online. Please visit the website and look for online application under In-Country, Diploma in General Nursing. The online application system will be unavailable after the closing date.
2. **By email:** You attach the application form (completed electronically or by hand) as a PDF email attachment (renamed with your name). Email your application to: nursing@australiaawardspng.org
3. **By post:** You can send direct mail or courier your application to the Australia Awards mailing address provided below. Application envelopes that are date stamped after the closing date or received 14 days after the closing date will not be considered eligible.
4. **In person:** You may also submit your application directly to each of the nursing colleges listed below, but you **MUST** call the Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships team immediately to register that you have submitted your application. You may also submit your application directly to the Australia Awards PNG Office located at Westpac Commercial Centre, Waigani, Level 2.

College Admissions Policy: Pregnancy and Young Infants

- Students cannot commence study if they are pregnant or nursing an infant of less than 12 months of age
- If awarded a scholarship, Australia Awards PNG can consider a 12-month deferral (subject to approval)
- Where a student becomes pregnant during her study, the student will be suspended from study until her infant is at least 12 months of age (Lae) and two years of age (Lutheran). In this circumstance, the scholarship can be placed on suspension and recommenced.
- Both Schools of Nursing require a letter from the student's spouse supporting return to study.
- Lutheran requires a consent letter from the spouse for new students who are married
- All students must live on campus unaccompanied unless approved otherwise by your institution

For more information:

Contact the Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships team

Email: incountry@australiaawardspng.org

Telephone: 3211 766 or 7373 3800

Website: www.australiaawardspng.org/study-in-png

Mailing Address: Australia Awards PNG,
Private Bag
Port Moresby, 121

Contact your preferred institution directly for entry and course requirements:

Lae School of Nursing	Mrs Merolyn Marava, Registrar Email: merolyn.kerua28@gmail.com Telephone: 4276 101
Lutheran School of Nursing	Mrs Esther Suaimbau, Registrar Email: esuaimbau@gmail.com Telephone: 422 2130 /422 1954

IMPORTANT!

You MUST also apply for admission directly with your preferred institution/s

PART 1: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please mark Yes or No for each question.

False or misleading answers will exclude your application from further consideration

1.1. Are you a PNG Citizen?

Yes

No – **You are not eligible.
Do not proceed**

1.2. Are you currently a dual Australian citizen or have you applied for Australian citizenship or permanent residency?

Yes – **You are not eligible.
Do not proceed**

No

1.3. Have you already achieved a Grade 12 or matriculation upgrade (FODE/DODL), with a minimum GPA of 2.75, with a minimum Grade B in Biology and Chemistry and Literature (English) and Grade C in Mathematics (A) or if a Matriculation upgrade your overall GPA achieved is 3.0 including the grades above for Biology, Chemistry, English, and Maths?

Yes

No – **You are not eligible.
Do not proceed**

1.4. Have you previously received an Australia Awards and have had the scholarship terminated due to misconduct?

Yes – **You are not eligible.
Do not proceed**

No

1.5. Have you been convicted of a criminal offence, been found guilty or liable in civil proceedings or internal investigations, or are you currently involved in a legal action or police charge?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide brief details below (AAPNG will seek further information from you if required)

1.6. Do you have a personal connection (family or friendship) with anyone at Australia Awards PNG, Lae School of Nursing or Lutheran School of Nursing (Please tick below)

Australia Awards PNG YES NO

Lae School of Nursing YES NO

Lutheran School of Nursing YES NO

No Connections. YES

(You are still eligible for consideration if you do have a personal connection, but it is important that this connection is known for transparency purposes.)

If you do have a connection, please provide the name of the person:

PART 2: PERSONAL & CONTACT DETAILS

Please complete all sections. Fields marked with asterisks (*) are mandatory.

First Name*				
Last Name*				
Gender*	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>		
Date of Birth*				
Marital Status	Married <input type="checkbox"/>	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	De-Facto <input type="checkbox"/>	Separated <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you consider yourself a person living with a Disability? *	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>	

People with disabilities who met eligibility criteria are strongly encouraged to apply for a scholarship and will be assessed on the merit of their application. If awarded a scholarship an assessment will be undertaken to identify if additional support is required to overcome barriers to accessing education.

For more information, please contact Australia Awards PNG. You can find out more about the Australian Government's disability-inclusive development strategy at <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/disability-inclusive-development/Pages/disability-inclusive-development.aspx>

If you checked Yes, please answer the following questions by marking X in the relevant response:

	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty	Cannot do at all
1. Vision Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Hearing Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Mobility Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Cognition Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Self-care Do you have difficulty with self-care such as washing all over or dressing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Communication Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others (specify)	
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Please provide further details for any areas where you have indicated you have a level of difficulty.

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Home Province*	
Home District*	
Residential Address (where you are currently living). <i>This information will help AAPNG to make appropriate logistics arrangements</i>	
Residential Province*	
District*	
Village/LLG*	
Complete Postal Address* (PO Box, Town/City, Province, Post Code): <i>If you do not have a postal address, ask permission from your local church to use their postal address. if you have no postal address, write NONE</i>	

Contact information <i>We must be able to contact you on the numbers provided below for us to communicate the outcome or progress of your application</i>	
Mobile number*:	
Alternative mobile number*: <i>Please provide the name of the person who owns this phone and your relationship to them</i>	
Email address*: <i>Please provide at up to two email addresses</i>	1.
	2.
Emergency contact details <i>Please nominate a person we can contact in case of emergency</i>	
Name of emergency contact person:	
Relationship to you:	
Contact number:	
Email address:	
Residential address: <i>(Not postal address)</i>	

PART 3: EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Please provide details of the *highest level of study* you have completed

Name of institution*:	
Level of qualification achieved (please tick)*:	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Matriculation <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If Diploma or other, state the Course name:	
Year completed or graduated*	

Part 4: Your Preferred Institution (select one)

I prefer to study at:

<input type="checkbox"/> Lae School of Nursing	<input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran School of Nursing (Madang)
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Important Note: You will not be allowed to make changes after the scholarship is awarded.

PART 5: ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Answer ALL questions and ALL aspects of each question. These questions will be used to assess your application.

Please provide your best answers.

You MUST answer within the specified word count.

Q1: Please outline the academic and personal challenges you expect to face while studying as a scholarship awardee **and** identify strategies you could use to help you overcome these challenges?

Please ensure you answer **both parts** of this question.

This question aims to assess your reflective and problem-solving skills and how you will apply your skills to successfully complete your course of study.

(Maximum 300 words)

Q2: Describe how you achieved a long-term goal or a particular skill (for example, an education qualification, achievement in sport, learning a skill such as playing a musical instrument, a handicraft, etc.).

Your response should include a description of your goal, the challenges you faced in your journey towards your goal, and how you overcome any challenges. Please ensure you address **all three** aspects of this question in your response.

This question aims to assess your determination, your ability to prioritise, and to make use of your available resources. The goal may be a personal goal or a goal within your community.

(Maximum 300 words)

Q3: Please describe why you chose nursing as a study path.

In your response, please outline where you see yourself working after graduation and how you will contribute to the improvement of health in your community and country, as well as the skills you will need to achieve this.

Please ensure your response addresses **all aspects** of the question.

This question aims to assess your interest in nursing, your understanding of nursing specialisation, and your commitment to providing front-line health services in PNG.

(Maximum 300 words)

Q4: Please tell us about a mistake you have made during the past few years.

In your response, please describe what the mistake was and what you learnt from this experience.

Please ensure your response answers **both parts** of the question.

This question aims to assess your reflective and analytical skills, also how you are able to identify problems and respond appropriately.

(Maximum 300 words)

PART 6: DECLARATION AND SUBMISSION

Declaration and acknowledgement

I declare, in submitting this application form, that the information contained in and provided with it is true and correct.

I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* of the Commonwealth of Australia and PNG.

I understand that all documents will be verified with the Government of PNG and discovery of fraudulent documents will exclude me from consideration for this scholarship and any future Australian scholarships.

If fraud is discovered after a scholarship is awarded, I understand that the scholarship will be immediately terminated.

Full Name	Signature	Date

If the form is completed and submitted electronically, a signature is not required. Type "by email" in the signature box

Submission Checklist	Yes	No
Please tick if you have completed or attached the following documents in support of your application:		
Certified copy of the most recent academic certificate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your most recent academic transcript(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your passport bio page or NID card or birth certificate or photo ID such as driver's licence or School ID card or Employment ID card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Information about certified documents

If you submit an application that does not include all supporting certified documents, or does not meet all submission requirements, then your application will be considered non-compliant and will be disqualified. Certified true copies of the original documents must clearly indicate 'This is a true photocopy of the original document', must have a Commissioner of Oaths stamp and signature, and be dated 2021 or 2022.

IMPORTANT!

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Existing students at Lae School of Nursing or Lutheran School of Nursing are NOT eligible to apply for the scholarship