



Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Incorporated (DANA)

DANA New Graduate Scholarship Information Package and Application 2021

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DANA Scholarships (DANA.01B)

Information for applicants

Purpose

In response to the recent completion of the *State of the Workforce: 2020* report, DANA is offering scholarships to new graduate* registered nurses working in the Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) sector.

These scholarships are intended to provide a financial stipend to assist with the costs of AOD professional development.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand
- Will be a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or the Nursing Council of New Zealand in 2021
- In either their first or second post graduate year in 2021
- Has secured (full time or part time) work within the AOD field delivering clinical services.

Preference will be given to applicants who are full financial members of DANA.

About the scholarship

- The scholarships may be up to \$3,000 (local currency), depending on the course of study and paid over two semesters as a contribution towards study costs or professional development activities.

Plus

- Complimentary membership of DANA for one year with the potential of mentoring during that period.

Other

It is up to you to arrange your own professional development.

Applicants need to

- Describe how the professional development activity will benefit your AOD practice and your longer-term career goals (200 words)
(Applicants should discuss the reason for selecting a particular activity and the impact it will have on their practice. Applicants should be able to articulate the relationship between the activity and their current practice, and how it will be of benefit to their role and the people for whom they care).
- Describe your reasons for being interested in a career in AOD nursing (200 words)

At the end of the scholarship

- Applicants must provide a final written statement (approximately 300-500 words) outlining how the scholarship has been beneficial to their professional development. DANA reserves the right to use this statement in official communications (such as e-blasts and social media posts).
- The second payment will be made after evidence of the successful completion of the professional development activity is provided and the final written statement is received.

Documentation

Provide a letter from your employer:

- on health service letterhead
- dated and signed (within the last three months) by your immediate manager
- include your name and the title of your position
- your employment status (full-time or part-time)
- how long you have been employed in this position.

If confirmation of your professional development activity isn't available when you apply, please submit a brief letter showing your intention to enrol and forward your enrolment confirmation when received.

You will need to provide the following documents

- copy of evidence of your Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency
- copy of evidence of your name change (if applicable)
- copy of your current nurse registration
- Official confirmation of your enrolment in a professional development activity in 2021. This document must include:
 - your name
 - the name of the professional development
 - details of the content outline.

Processes

- The closing date for applications is December 12th 2020
- Applications must be submitted before on the closing date
- A committee of at least three DANA representatives, determined by the DANA Management Committee, will undertake assessment of the applications. This sub-committee will make recommendations to the DANA Management Committee
- The decision of the DANA Management Committee will be final
- The scholarship will not exceed \$3,000 dollars (local currency), paid in two increments (for studies in 2021)
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome within three weeks of the application closing date
- Successful applicants must agree to their photograph being published on the DANA website, e-blast or in other DANA communications
- Successful applicants will be required to maintain receipted evidence of scholarship expenditure
- Scholarship funds are conditional on continued enrolment in the nominated professional development activity
- Scholarship funds will only be released once reports are received
- DANA reserves the right to seek reimbursement of funds if these conditions are not met
- Incomplete applications will not be considered
- Applications must be emailed as an attachment with all supporting documentation to dana.nurses@gmail.com by 1700hrs on the closing date.
- Successful applicants will be required to sign the **DANA Scholarship Agreement**.

Application for DANA Scholarship (DANA.01C)

How to:

Applications are to be submitted as a **Word** document, along with any necessary attachments.

Late applications or applications that do not address all criteria are likely to be rejected.

Information should be provided in the template below.

Submit:

Email application with subject heading "Scholarship Application" to dana.nurses@gmail.com by no later than 1700hrs, December 12th 2020

**In applying, the applicant agrees to the conditions of the DANA scholarship as outlined in this document.*

SCHEDULE

PERSONAL DETAILS AND INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATED ACTIVITY

ITEM	
1	Full Name
2	Contact Details: (Email, phone, postal address)
3	DANA membership number/financial membership since <i>(if applicable)</i> :
4	Qualifications and when awarded:
5	Position currently held and details of employer organisation:
6	Details of intended professional development <i>(please provide evidence)</i>
7	Dates nominated activity will occur:
8	A description of how the scholarship will benefit your AOD practice and your longer-term career goals. <i>(approximately 200 words required)</i> :
9	Describe your reasons for being interested in a career in AOD nursing <i>(200 words)</i>
10	I agree to a photograph being published on the DANA website, e-blast or in other DANA communications
11	Agreement that DANA may, in its promotional activities, identify me as a recipient.
12	Attachments