

## CWA of NSW Member Scholarship Criteria

### Background

The CWA of NSW established a member's scholarship that is intended to provide training and development opportunities for up to 5 women a year to advance particular women's causes, particularly in regional, rural or remote areas.

### Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is limited to applicants who are active members of the CWA of NSW and who have held their membership for at least 3 years.

### Selection Criteria

- Applicants must demonstrate and explain how they have been actively involved in CWA of NSW. This could be at varying levels including Branch, Group and Committee levels.
- Applicants must have demonstrated or expressed interest in an issue that impacts women; particularly regional, rural or remote women.
- Applicants are free to propose a range of different training options that they are seeking funding for provided that the course proposed is delivered and run by a credible and reputable organisations with demonstrated experience in course delivery (*preference will be given to applicants seeking funding for courses that are certified under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)*).
- Applicants must outline how their proposed course, and their participation in the course, will address specific women's issues, now and into the future. In doing so applicants must address:
  - The full name of the course and the course provider;
  - An outline of the estimated out-of-pocket tuition, travel or other expenses associated with the course, and
  - Information about any other funding sources they are accessing to undertake the course (assistance from other areas does not make an applicant ineligible, but may be taken into account by the selection committee).
  - Evidence of their acceptance (in-principle) to the course, or if the course is already being undertaken, a confirmation of their enrolment.

### Application Requirements:

- A completed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation (one letter should be from the applicant's branch and the other can be from a range of sources including but not limited to an employer, a community organisation or an educational institution).
- Any required supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of enrolment/acceptance)

### Scholarship Amount

The Scholarship is for a one-off cash payment of a minimum \$1,000 for up to five CWA members towards tuition fees for a broad range of academic, professional or personal development courses.

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### **Additional Comments and Requirements**

- Successful applicants commit to providing a summary report to CWA of NSW about their experiences in the course and how their learnings have and/or will help the identified women's causes.
- If the course is not completed, applicants must notify the CWA. Applicants may be required to return any scholarship monies granted at the discretion of the selection committee.
- CWA of NSW reserves the right to award less than 5 scholarships per year if, in the opinion of the selection committee, there are not enough applicants that suitably meet the selection criteria.
- Decisions of the selection committee are final.

### **Dates and deadlines**

Applications open on 1 August and close on 30 September annually.

### **Form of application**

Application forms to be submitted by email only. See **G 21-14**.