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THE PSYCHOGERIATRIC NURSES' ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Act 1984)

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Do not detach any part of this form.

Please note Sections A and Section B this page & Section C on reverse page before completing form

SECTION A: to be completed by the scholarship applicant and posted, together with required supporting documentation as per the reverse of this form, to:

The Chairperson - Education & Research Committee

PGNA

P.O. Box 497

Merrylands NSW 2160

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

NAME: _____ POSITION: _____

WORKPLACE: _____

HOME POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

RECEIPT NO. FOR CURRENT YEAR PGNA MEMBERSHIP: _____

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT: I, the undersigned PGNA scholarship applicant, agree to abide by the expectations of PGNA in the event that I am granted a scholarship by PGNA - THE PSYCHOGERIATRIC NURSE'S ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED. I have read and understood the terms of agreement stated on the reverse of this application form (Section C).

SIGNATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT: _____

Application for Course / Conference Scholarship **Application for Research Scholarship**

(Please place an X in the appropriate box above to indicate for which type of scholarship application is being made.)

SECTION B: to be completed by the Chairperson - PGNA Education & Research Committee

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED: _____ **DATE SCHOLARSHIP APPROVED:** _____

DATE APPLICANT NOTIFIED: _____ **VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP: \$** _____

DATE APPLICANT FULFILLED PGNA TERMS OF AGREEMENT: _____

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SECTION C: TERMS OF AGREEMENT - EXPECTATIONS OF PGNA FOR SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- The conference / workshop / seminar / course will be held within twelve (12) months of the allocation of scholarship funds.
- The research project will be completed within twelve (12) months of the allocation of the scholarship funds.
- The recipient will reimburse PGNA for the scholarship funds **if** the conference / workshop / seminar / course is not attended by the applicant or the research project is not completed by the applicant.
- In the case of conference / workshop / seminar / course attendance scholarships the recipient will - within four (4) weeks of completion of the conference etc - present a 2x4-page typed report to the Chairperson of the PGNA Education & Research Committee which reflects on the usefulness of the conference etc attendance in the recipient's clinical practice. This report may be published in PGNA's Newsletter. A copy of the certificate of attendance will accompany the report.
- In the case of research project scholarships the recipient will forward a copy of their final research report to the Chairperson of the PGNA Education & Research Committee **and** present the research findings at a future PGNA Conference or Education & Research Evening / Day.
- In the case of conference etc presenter scholarships - the presentation will be delivered at a future PGNA Conference or Education & Research Evening / Day.

The Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association Australia Incorporated (PGNA) lists among its purpose (objects):

- To develop and advance the specialty of psychogeriatric nursing by providing opportunities for continuing education by means of written articles, lectures and seminars (PGNA Constitution and Rules 1.2.3). This object also includes attendance at / presentation at conferences, workshops, and courses relevant to mental health issues / cognitive impairment issues in aged care;
- To develop and advance the specialty of psychogeriatric nursing by encouraging clinical research in the field of psychogeriatrics (PGNA Constitution and Rules 1.2.6).

To achieve these objects for its members PGNA offers scholarships to its members for the purpose of attending or presenting at relevant conferences or workshops as well as attending relevant courses. PGNA also offers scholarships to members for the purpose of engaging in clinical research projects. The current maximum value of all scholarships awarded to members is five hundred dollars (\$500).

PGNA SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Class 1 or Class 3 membership of PGNA (PGNA Constitution and Rules 2.1 et seq and 2.3 et seq.) (NB: Class 2 - associate non-voting members of PGNA are not eligible for PGNA scholarships.)
- The applying member **must** have at least twelve (12) months of PGNA membership from the previous membership year **and** be a financial member in the current membership year.
- The applicant is not already fully funded by an Area Health Service or other organisation for the conference / workshop / seminar/ course/ or research project.
- The completed application form (including this page and the reverse application page) **must** be accompanied by a supporting letter also signed by the applicant outlining, in the case of conference / workshop / seminar / course scholarships:
 - Why the applicant is applying to attend (present at) the conference / workshop / seminar / course;
 - How the applicant's attendance / presentation will benefit psychogeriatric nursing;
 - The date/s of the conference / workshop / seminar / course.
- In the case of research scholarships the signed supporting letter must outline:
 - Why the applicant is conducting the research;
 - How the research findings will benefit psychogeriatric nursing practice;
 - The proposed finishing period of the research project;
 - An outline of the costings for which the scholarship funds are being applied.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: all PGNA scholarships are approved by the PGNA Education & Research Committee at a formal meeting of that Committee. All applicants will be notified in writing by the Chairperson of the PGNA Education & Research Committee of the outcome of their application as soon as a formal decision is made by that Committee. All scholarship funds are paid directly to successful applicants by way of a PGNA cheque payment at the time of the written notification of the outcome of their application.