



NCWQ 2024 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

President's Message



Welcome to the 16th year of the National Council of Women of Queensland (NCWQ) Bursary Program. This year we had just over 250 entries for the 34 bursaries on offer.

NCWQ aims to empower female students, to acknowledge achievements, and provide financial assistance to help complete their studies. Ultimately, we aim to support female students to achieve economic independence.

Congratulations to our Bursary Recipients, who come from across Queensland. Many, particularly those from rural and remote areas, leave their homes and travel distances to engage in study. Achievement of goals often means making sacrifices, overcoming barriers and coping with change.

The Bursary Program relies on the generosity of our wonderful Sponsors who contribute financially, provide supportive networks and target specific areas of study and interest. Some of the Sponsors aim to challenge traditional stereotypes. Other Sponsors aim to provide assistance to enable students with disabilities or learning difficulties to overcome challenges and compete on a more equitable playing field. For stay-at-home mums wanting to return to work, assistance provided by the bursaries assists them to achieve their goals. Other Sponsors wish to honour a loved one.

NCWQ relies on volunteers to achieve its goals of empowerment, advocacy and education of women and girls. The Bursary Team, led by Program Manager Kathy Cavanagh AM, spreads the word about the bursaries, liaises with Sponsors, schools and tertiary institutions. The Team considers the applications and liaises with the applicants. Kathy does a wonderful job engaging past Bursary Recipients, Sponsors members of NCWQ affiliate organisations and associate members. For this work, Kathy was recently acknowledged with an Order of Australia Award (AM). Congratulations Kathy, well deserved.

This year I am pleased to have the support of past Bursary Recipients in the Presentation Event and President's Luncheon, as guest speakers. I am inspired hearing of the achievements of each Bursary Recipient.

Today is about recognition and acknowledgement of your achievements so far in your journeys. It took courage to put yourselves forward. And as a Bursary Recipient, I invite you to accept complementary membership of NCWQ for 12 months to take advantage of the NCWQ networking events and opportunities afforded to you by our Affiliate Organisations and Sponsors, for example mentoring. I encourage you to get involved and make the most of being a member, and wear the NCWQ lapel pin with pride. Consider being involved in the Advocacy Hub and the empowerment of women through the Bursary Program going forward. Congratulations!

Sandy Smith
NCWQ President

2024 Bursary Recipients

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<u>Senator Susan McDonald Bursary</u>	Alanna Kelly
<u>Soroptimist International Bursary</u>	Talisha Mason
<u>Soroptimist International Moreton North Inc (SIMNI)</u>	Queisha Malumo
<u>South Burnett Bursary</u>	Mary Logan
<u>The Kathleen Langan Sports Management Bursary</u>	Matiese Wadwell
<u>The Boyce Bursaries for Students with Disability</u>	Juliet Sorbello
<u>Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)</u>	Vanessa Shanahan
<u>Women in Engineering Bursaries</u>	Chloe Hooton
	Natalie Hughes

Brisbane Women's Club Bursary + The Women's College Bursary

The Brisbane Women's Club Bursary supports a Brisbane-based, first-year student.

The inaugural Women's College Bursary is specifically designed to support a first-year university student, providing the opportunity for her to engage in a supportive learning environment, make connections and embrace the many opportunities of a non-residential experience within the Women's community.



Josephine Haupt

I'm currently an undergraduate student completing a Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedics dual degree at Australian Catholic University. Alongside studying, I work three jobs to support my travel to university and external commitments. We all know that time is precious. My workload definitely puts the pressure on at times!

My hobbies – including gardening, sewing and sports – allow me to relieve some of this stress. For example, by coaching children's and youth soccer. As a soccer player myself, I love being able to create a fun, supportive and educational environment for these kids to learn and grow.

My involvement with the community, and my passion for helping others inspired me to take on the Nursing/Paramedics degree. Throughout my studies, I hope to grow stronger, more nurturing, and confident to provide the best possible care to those who need it.

I am incredibly grateful to the NCWQ, Brisbane Women's Club and The Women's College for their support.

City of Moreton Bay Bursary

This bursary is to assist a female tertiary student from the City of Moreton Bay with her studies. She will have also contributed to the local community.



Brianne (Bree) Glasbergen

Bree is a theatre practitioner, poet and studying parent. She is an MCA student at the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC), having previously completed a BA (Theatre & Performance/English), graduating with an Academic Medal of Excellence, a Student Leadership Award and the university's coveted Chancellor's medal. She is the President of the UniSC Student Guild, the Secretary of the UniSC Parents and Guardians Engaged in Study and a community volunteer.

In her own words:

I am grateful to the City of Moreton Bay for sponsoring this generous Bursary which will assist me in attending the Australian Women and Gender Studies Association Conference in November to present my research. This support will also allow me to take time off from work to focus on juggling parenting, volunteering and research.

I am studying a Master of Creative Arts researching voice-as-agency, particularly how creative, practice-led research could assist women in sharing their authentic voices in society. I am deeply passionate about pursuing a career in academia as a creative practitioner and researcher, with the Master of Creative Arts being a crucial step in that career journey. I aspire to intertwine my love for the arts and governance to advocate for the voices of the marginalised within politics.

Claire Moore Bursary

This bursary for a student of special education reflects the view of former Senator Claire Moore that education provides the best opportunities for us all.



I am a 40-year-old mother of four neurodiverse children (ages 16, 11, 9 and 7) and am a third-year Primary Education Student at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Fraser Coast Campus.

I always wanted to be a teacher, but my priority was raising our children while they were young; as they grew, I believed I was too old to start a degree. My dream of being a teacher reignited as we navigated our children's schooling years and engaged with inclusion support at their school. My children and I have experienced barriers in studying with neurodiversity, which gives me some understanding. However, I have also observed firsthand how a teacher with extensive pedagogical skills can significantly improve a student's learning.

I wish to thank Claire Moore for sponsoring the bursary that I have been lucky to receive. Without Claire's generous support, women like myself would find it more challenging to achieve their dreams. This bursary will assist in purchasing textbooks and travel costs for me to attend campus, located 30 minutes away.

My ongoing goal is to ensure all children have the best chance of being successful learners by finding ways to help them learn.

Cr Vicki Howard Bursary

For a female student living in the Brisbane City Council area, this bursary supports a recipient who identifies with the LGBTIQ community.



I am a bisexual QUT student, studying a Bachelor of Justice at the Queensland University of Technology.

I am honoured to have Cr Vicki Howard support my studies through this bursary. Her support is empowering me to continue working closely with both national and international justice organisations as I enter my final year of study, including seeking a voluntary placement in Queensland to give back to my community.

I currently work part-time as an advocate, helping Brisbane residents navigate various government departments and services. Over the 2023-24 summer break, I volunteered with 3rd Space, a not-for-profit, drop-in centre for people experiencing homelessness. I went on to receive a paid contract to prepare a policy briefing on best practice for homelessness support services.

I recently returned from a two-week study tour on child protection in Cambodia, where I met with local NGOs to understand how they uphold and protect child rights.

While I haven't yet decided which field I will pursue professionally, I hope to use these experiences to secure a policy role in one of the areas I am passionate about, such as youth justice, housing and homelessness, and working to end discrimination against LGBTIQ+ peoples.

Hon. David Littleproud MP Bursary

Recognising the difficulties for country students wishing to pursue their education, this bursary is for a female resident of the Maranoa Federal electorate, who is a first year in tertiary studies.



Charlotte Baker

My name is Charlotte Baker, and my family lives on a cattle property just outside of Goondiwindi in the Maranoa electorate.

I am currently completing my first year studying a Bachelor of Economics at the University of Queensland, with intentions to also commence a Bachelor of Laws next year.

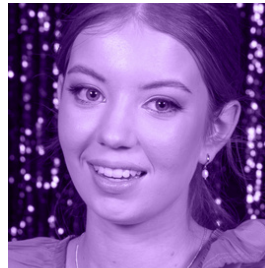
I reside at St Johns College in Brisbane, providing opportunities to pursue my interests in sport and community.

I am very grateful to have been awarded the Hon. David Littleproud MP Bursary for 2024. This will contribute significantly to assisting with the cost of relocating to study.

One day I intend to return to rural Queensland to live and work, as this is where my heart lies.

Elsie Byth Bursary

Sponsored by Dr Susan Byth, this bursary recognises the work of her grandmother, Elsie Byth OBE, (1890–1988) in the National Council of Women, serving as both Queensland and National President.



Sarah Hiscock

Sarah is a Year 12 student currently studying at Lourdes Hill College. She has been greatly inspired by her teachers and high school experience to pursue a career in education, particularly through her interactions with leadership staff as the Spirituality Captain. Her vast involvement in many aspects of the college, especially their social justice initiatives, has opened her eyes to the many opportunities to enact positive change within the wider community.

She hopes to encourage students to flourish and achieve their goals through the creation of supportive environments and is passionate about developing an understanding of education beyond the classroom. Sarah also aspires to spend time teaching in rural and remote education settings, after experiencing a school immersion to Mt Isa in 2023. She witnessed the power of education and transformative school environments, inspiring her to create change.

Sarah is an incredibly thankful recipient of the Elise Byth Bursary and is planning to use the funds to support her tertiary studies. She hopes to study a Bachelor of Secondary Education at Australian Catholic University commencing in 2025.

Ethel Rowbotham Memorial Bursary

This bursary is sponsored by Beverley and Jill Rowbotham in memory of their mother Ethel Rowbotham RN (nee Matthews), who trained in New Zealand and worked there, and in the United Kingdom and Australia. Throughout a long career, she was much loved by patients and her workmates because she lived the nursing mission: she cared for the sick.



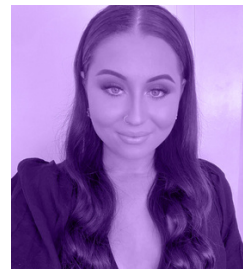
Fleur Steen

My future aspiration is to become a nurse in the ER, ideally somewhere in regional Queensland. My passion for nursing stems from a deep desire to make a tangible difference in people's lives, particularly in critical and high-pressure situations. I am drawn to the dynamic and fast-paced environment of the ER, where I can utilise my skills and compassion to provide immediate care and support to those in urgent need.

As a student hailing from a regional area in Western Queensland, the prospect of relocating for tertiary education, to pursue my dream career, poses a significant financial challenge. Thus, I applied to the Ethel Rowbotham Memorial Bursary to ease the financial burden that tertiary study will place on my family. This bursary, which is aimed at students intending to study nursing, will go a long way in helping to pay for my course equipment, textbooks and fees. I am extremely thankful and honoured to be awarded this bursary.

ESA International Bursary

ESA International is a women's service organisation for Education, Service and Association. With a long history of supporting cancer research and care services, the bursary reflects this focus by assisting a female student whose family is affected by cancer.



Chelsea Wood

My name is Chelsea Wood and I am a first-year nursing student at Central Queensland University. I have always known that I wanted to work in the health care industry and when I left high school got a job at a GP clinic, where I continued working at for many years.

I am a huge advocate for organ and blood donation as my partner has received over 600 blood transfusions. I am an organ donor, including being on the bone marrow donor registry, and donate blood every 12 weeks. I encourage and talk about blood and organ donation at every opportunity I can, and hope to one day be either an oncology or transplant nurse.

My partner is currently undergoing a Bone Marrow Transplant for his diagnosis of Bone Marrow Failure/aplastic anemia six years ago. Both my partner and I are now not working for the majority of this year as we had to move six hours from our hometown for him to undergo the transplant. During this time, I plan on continuing my studies in Nursing.

The ESA International Bursary will help me in purchasing my textbooks, uniforms, vaccinations and travel costs for upcoming res schools and placements, and support me in continuing my studies in becoming something I am truly passionate about.

Forum Communicators Bursary

Initially established to assist women public-speaking skills, Forum, with open membership, offers advice in conducting meetings and organisational procedures. This bursary reflects Forum's passion for communication.



Jessica Davidson

My name is Jessica Davidson and I'm currently a first-year student studying a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honors) majoring in Environmental Science at QUT. I aspire to pursue a career in environmental research, investigating the relationships between humans and the environment, allowing me to identify complex challenges and address them with innovative solutions.

In my final year of school, I had the opportunity to participate in the Lions Youth of the Year program where I was awarded the overall winner and public speaking award at the Morayfield/Caboolture district round. I was also invited to a Zonta dinner meeting where I presented a speech on child marriage.

I have demonstrated a commitment to leadership through several positions during high school including Triple S leader, International Student Ambassador, and Environmental Chair on the student council where I contributed to projects and fundraising for the school community.

I thank Forum for sponsoring this bursary which will assist me with the costs of textbooks and travel fares overall enhancing my opportunities and potential.

Helen Ovens Memorial Bursary

Helen was well-aware of how easy it is for mothers, especially of young children, to lose their sense of identity. This bursary reflects the importance she gave to maintaining those interests which nourished her as an individual.



Kylie Lowe

I am a fierce solo mumma to two daughters, aged 20 and 16. For the past 24 years I have worked in the community sector across homelessness, and domestic and family violence.

In 2022, aged 50, I returned to university to study Nursing. I am studying on-line part-time through Central Queensland University and currently achieve a GPA of 6.4.

I am thrilled to be the recipient and want to acknowledge and thank the NCWQ Helen Ovens Memorial Bursary. This bursary will support me with my studies and ease some of my financial pressures. I currently use annual leave for Nursing placements, this bursary would allow me to take some time off with my girls.

I have had a full life, including living through an aggressive breast cancer diagnosis in 2008. In the future, I plan to work across regional Australia as a mental health nurse and to spend time volunteering on global humanitarian projects. I also hold a special place in my heart for and hope to work in isolated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Lady Justice Bursary

Sponsored by Senior Sergeant Anna Dwyer and Joanna Robinson, this bursary acknowledges the value of law and justice, wishing to support a Queensland woman to achieve her goal of studying within this area.



Zali Fisher

For as long as I can remember, I have been driven by a strong desire to give back to both people and the planet. I am currently in my fourth year of a Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts (Security and International Studies) dual degree and aspire to use my education to influence and shape international climate policy, and to advocate for a shift to Earth-centred law and governance.

I am particularly passionate about the intersectionality of global challenges, and genuinely believe that through transdisciplinary collaboration, strong leadership and courageous decision-making, we can address environmental and social issues concurrently.

Throughout my studies I have volunteered with the Animal Welfare League Queensland and The Wilderness Society, have undertaken research for The Australian Earth Laws Alliance and currently sit on the Youth Advisory Council for youth mental health organisation, Raise.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to NCWQ and Senior Sergeant Anna Dwyer and Joanna Robinson for this bursary. Living with chronic illness and trying to juggle full-time university, two jobs, volunteering and interning can be very challenging. This bursary will help me to consistently access the support I need for my health, and thus allow me more time to focus on my studies, and ultimately pursue the opportunities that will allow me to (hopefully!) make a difference in my career.

Lavis/Wilson Queensland Child Watch Committee Bursary

After 30 years of advocating for quality early childhood education, this Committee continues its legacy by the ongoing sponsorship of a bursary for a student in this field, with a commitment and passion for the education of the 'whole' child.



Isabella Hannay

My name is Bella (Isabella). I am a local Central Queensland girl with a driving passion for early years education. I am currently in my second year of study, intertwining with my current full-time employment as a Kindergarten Educator. I have been in the sector for six years now, having spent two of those years as a Nanny, working west of Rockhampton. On weekends, if I am not completing course content or walking the local beaches, I am at my local basketball club, spending time with friends and family.

I am beyond grateful for having been selected as the recipient of the Lavis/Wilson Queensland Child Watch Committee Bursary for 2024. Receiving this Bursary has taken the weight of my shoulders and provided me with financial security for when I undertake placement in October 2024. I will be able to immerse myself in the practical experience, without the worry of unpaid leave or costs of resources.

As a teacher, I want to be the guiding light and safe space for a child. Obtaining my degree will allow me to teach in a higher capacity, where I will teach Kindergarten students how to manage the world, and the knowledge and skills they require to succeed.

NCWQ Regional / Rural Bursary

Sponsored by NCWQ since the establishment of the Bursary Program in 2009, this bursary focuses on assisting young women living in regional/rural Queensland to relocate for their studies.



I am a first-year student at the University of Southern Queensland completing a Bachelor of Psychology (with Honours). At the start of the year, I relocated for my studies from Allora, a small, regional town in Southeast Queensland.

During my senior years at high school, I developed an interest in the field of psychology and wellbeing. My passion in this field comes from its potential to fundamentally shape and improve people's lives.

As the recipient of the NCWQ Regional/Rural Bursary for 2024, I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance and opportunities this bursary will provide. This bursary offers a meaningful contribution towards my university financial requirements, while also facilitating a smoother transition from my rural community. With the support from the bursary, I am committed to advancing throughout my course while developing the necessary skills needed to become a qualified psychologist. In the future, I aim to return to a more rural community to support and empower those in underserved towns.

I would like to formally thank NCWQ and acknowledge their generosity and continued support for women based in regional Queensland.

NCWQ - Student from a Refugee Background Bursary

An original bursary sponsored from 2009 by NCWQ, this bursary assists a student currently at high school, to further her educational outcomes.



Lena is a dedicated advocate committed to fostering cross-cultural collaboration, youth empowerment, and social change. Currently in her final year of high school in Queensland, she already has extensive experience with roles within NGOs, councils and youth groups, including that of Partnership Officer for the Australia Latam Emerging Leaders Dialogue (ALELD).

As an international peace ambassador, Lena has represented her community on global platforms, advocating for peace, understanding and cooperation among diverse cultures and nations. She has also recently been selected as a member of the U.S. Consulate and Embassy Youth Advisory Council and named as Youth Citizen of the Year for her contributions to regional communities in Queensland.

The Refugee Bursary will support Lena's ongoing community projects to expand her efforts in youth advocacy and social justice, particularly through her organisation, Strive Connecting, which addresses racism and promotes cultural diversity. Lena's goals include further study in international relations, cybersecurity and furthering her interest in entrepreneurship, integrating technology with community-driven solutions. Her dream is to inspire and empower other young refugees and migrants to become leaders in their communities, fostering peace and understanding across diverse cultures.

National Council of Jewish Women, Brisbane Section Bursary

This bursary reflects the sponsor's interest in the education and advancement of women through support for a student studying in the field of education.



I am currently studying full-time to become a primary teacher and run my own business as a part-time family photographer.

I live in a small central Queensland town, am a wife, mother-of-two and active in various volunteer roles.

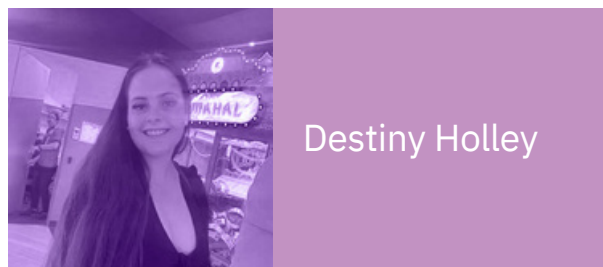
I am strongly inspired to deliver quality and active ways to encourage involvement and provide resources that support and connect communities. Through sports coaching, committee roles and organising community events, I have affirmed my decision to have a career in education.

My other focus, apart from my family, is photography. It's a joy to capture motherhood and family life at all stages. I have completed two personal projects that promote women through storytelling with portraits, to encourage self-value and empowerment.

This bursary will be a welcome support, allowing me to shift attention away from financial requirements. Thank you to the National Council of Jewish Women, Brisbane Section. Your assistance by awarding me this bursary is truly valued and appreciated.

Office for Women - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary

The Queensland Government Office of Women is a long-time supporter of the NCWQ Bursary Program. This bursary provides support to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander tertiary student.



I am a proud Kooma woman and fortunate recipient of the Queensland Government Office for Women (ATSI) Bursary.

I am currently studying my Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). I continue to work on graduating with this degree as I had always talked about it with my Dad, who unfortunately passed away due to brain cancer in 2021.

I am 19 years old, working as a teacher aide at my local primary school in Charleville, as well as an after-school-hours educator.

This bursary will assist me with travelling to placements and paying off my course fees so I can continue to study. It will also help me with additional costs including textbooks.

My goal is to continue to study my degree and give back to my small community in Charleville by working as a teacher in the local primary school and help students achieve their dreams.

I cannot express how appreciative I am. This opportunity is life changing.

Office for Women - Leadership Bursary

This bursary is for a female increasing her leadership skills through mentoring and professional development, which may include tertiary study.



Rachael Leeson

Rachael Leeson commenced her studies in urban planning and wildlife biology at Griffith University four years ago, driven by a personal mission for co-existence between the human and natural worlds. Growing up amongst the ecological splendor of Far North Queensland, yet experiencing the magnetism of metropolitan Australia, she knew she had to ensure a place for both within our ever-changing world. Passionate about bringing scientific perspectives to planning practice, she entered the industry in 2022 and has been planning in the public sector ever since.

During her time in Brisbane, Rachael has discovered a particular interest in transport planning due to the scale at which transportation systems and behaviours impact human wellbeing, the natural environment and economic productivity. She is currently undertaking Honours research in this field and aspires to increase the mode share of public and active transport across Australia.

Eager to learn from the experiences of others in her field, Rachael has taken up multiple mentoring programs which have greatly accelerated her development and sense of belonging within industry. Rachael is grateful for the generosity of the Office for Women, as this bursary will allow her to take advantage of even more transformative opportunities, supporting her towards a career of leadership in her chosen field.

Older Women's Network (OWN) Return to Work Bursary

This bursary is for a mature-age student who is studying to return to the workforce. Reflecting the objectives of OWN, the course of study will lead to working in an area of benefit to older women.



Sarah Prakash

Sarah is a second-year student at QUT, studying mechatronics engineering with a focus on medical engineering.

As a woman returning to the workforce, she is passionate about leveraging technology to improve the lives of older women, particularly those with disabilities. Sarah recognised her desire to do more and give back to others and was drawn to mechatronics engineering by her interest in assistive technology. Growing up with a mother who was born half-deaf and half-blind, this has always been a special interest to her.

Sarah holds herself to a high standard in her academic pursuits, achieving consistent top grades (GPA 6.75) and earning Dean's List recognition for her outstanding performance in her first year. She is actively involved in the QUT Fellowship of Medical Engineers and the QUT Robotics social clubs. Additionally, she has been included in the ARC Training Centre for Joint Biomechanics meetings, which furthers her learning and exposure in medical engineering.

Sarah is deeply grateful to the Older Women's Network for awarding her this Bursary. This support will help to alleviate her financial burden and allow her to purchase educational tools and resources that will be beneficial to her learning.

PhD Student Bursary

This anonymously sponsored bursary is for a female PhD candidate, whose research focus will be of benefit to women and their families.



Norah is a PhD candidate in Nursing at QUT, with a background as a Registered Nurse specialising in haematology and oncology. Her clinical experience led her to advocate for improved support for individuals and families transitioning into palliative care. Interested in person-centred healthcare solutions, she has contributed to multiple research teams, including evaluating a hospital service for bereaved primary carers of children needing palliative care, predominantly mothers.

Her doctoral research focuses on identifying factors that enable individuals with palliative care needs to spend more time at home, avoid frequent hospitalisations, and pass away in their preferred place of care. This work aims to influence healthcare policy and service design in community palliative care, emphasising the voices and choices of those in need and their informal caregivers, a role disproportionately undertaken by women. This bursary supports Norah's travel to study community palliative care services for her research.

Norah intends to advance her research career while continuing her nursing practice, supporting patients and caregivers during challenging periods. As a mother to a young daughter herself, she values encouraging women to pursue advanced research degrees to drive meaningful change.

Qld Medical Women's Society Bursary

From its strong focus on supporting professional development including participation in international conferences and networking, the sponsorship of a bursary by QMWS assists female medical students or recent graduates to take advantage of these opportunities.



I am a fourth year medical and Master of Public Health & Tropical Medicine student at James Cook University, where I work as a research assistant and academic tutor. Formerly a classically trained musician, I now aspire to undergo Rural Generalist and global public health training.

Two of my research abstracts have been accepted for presentations for the National Rural Health Conference, where I will be presenting on Soil-Transmitted Helminthiases, and malaria. I have nurtured my passion for rural health through placements in Thursday Island, and Cloncurry, receiving bursaries such as the Lynn Kratcha Memorial Bursary, Amuthan Medical Research Scholarship, and MCCRH Student Bursary. With the Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) and International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), I have coordinated, authored and reviewed over 15 policies, previously serving as the AMSA global public health portfolio Chair, and recent participation in the WHO's 154th Executive Board meeting and the IFMSA rural health policy commission. I am humbled to be a recipient of the QMWS bursary and extremely grateful for this source of financial support. I also would like to express my gratitude to three very special women who have supported me in this – Maxine Whittaker, Allison Hempenstall and Karen Knight.

AMAQ (QMWS) Professor Tess Cramond Memorial Bursary

Former President of AMAQ, Professor Cramond's career ranged across her role in anaesthetics, CPR for Surf Life Savers, and establishing multidisciplinary pain clinics. The purpose of this bursary is to assist the recipient to attend a medical event or conference.



Ava Allen

As a passionate advocate for equitable healthcare, I am deeply honoured and grateful for the Queensland Medical Women's Society and Australian Medical Association Queensland for generously awarding me this bursary. The invaluable support will enable me to attend vital conferences, fostering connections with thought leaders in surgery and First Nations health and propelling my goal to become a socially accountable medical practitioner.

Experiences leading outreach trips as Clinical Skills Director of the Rural Health Society and community initiatives as AMSA Representative in the Global Health Society have made me viscerally aware of my privilege, fuelling my aspiration to apply the skills I've developed through achieving Second Dux of my cohort and consistent Vice-Chancellor's awards to drive upstream health interventions in underserved communities, such as ear checks for First Nations children.

I aim to use this bursary to meet mentors, contribute meaningfully to medical research, and work toward eradicating systemic health disparities. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and am excited to give back to this empowering community in every way possible.

Mater Health (QMWS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary

As part of their reconciliation and the broader goal to advance the parity of representation of First Nation Peoples in the Australian medical workforce, and its leadership, this bursary sponsored by Mater Health is for a female Indigenous medical student.



Clancy Morgan

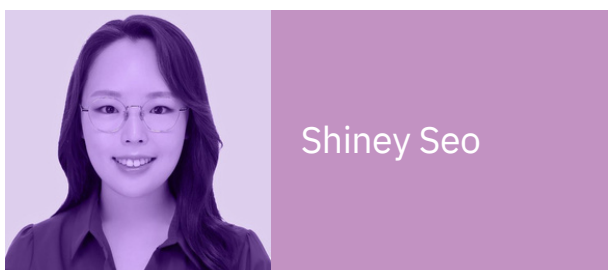
Ever since I was a little girl, I have always wanted to become a doctor. I am currently enrolled in my first year at James Cook University studying Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and this dream is finally becoming a reality.

I am a Biri woman, born and raised in rural North Queensland. My family has strong ties to the mining communities within the Bowen Basin and this is where I would like to eventually work as a rural GP. My career goal is to build trust in the healthcare system by connecting to communities and improving health outcomes for rural and Indigenous people.

I am grateful for receiving this Bursary, as it will help ease the financial burden that both myself and my parents have in supporting me at university. Attending the NCWQ 2024 Bursary Program Presentation will provide me with the opportunity to connect with many like-minded women in the health profession.

Quota Brisbane NCWQ Bursary to honour the late Dr Laurel Macintosh OBE

This inaugural bursary, co-sponsored by Quota Brisbane and NCWQ, honours the late Dr Laurel Macintosh, for a doctor undertaking specialist training in ophthalmology. Laurel, a trailblazer in this field, also worked tirelessly as a member of both Quota and NCWQ.



Shiney Seo

It is an honour to be the inaugural recipient of the Quota/NCWQ Dr Laurel Macintosh OBE Memorial Bursary. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege and opportunity to honour Dr Laurel Macintosh OBE as a future female Ophthalmologist aspiring to follow in her inspirational footsteps.

I was born in South Korea and grew up in Brisbane since I was five-years-old. One of the core values I was raised with was to always endeavour to make the most of my opportunities and give my best go. As a result, throughout the years I have been fortunate to achieve numerous experiences that I hold pride in, including representing Australia several times at international competitions such as IYPT and IJSO. I have published academic papers and presented at numerous international journals and conferences, and received several academic awards throughout my education.

I have a passion for teaching budding doctors and Ophthalmologists, as well as advocating for my peers and community. My future aspiration is to continue my devotion to medicine, teaching and advocacy for the rest of my career.

Rotary E-Club of Nextgen Bursary

This bursary, now in its second year, recognises the difficulties for regional/rural tertiary students to continue their education.



Sonja Guinea

I live in Cooktown in Far North Queensland with my husband and three toddlers. I immigrated to Australia from South Africa in 2009 and fell in love with the people and country.

I am a Bachelor of Arts student at CQU, and I am majoring in English Literature and Culture Studies and Visual Arts. This is my third year in my undergraduate degree, and I will be graduating in the end of this year. I am honoured to have been selected as a recipient as part of 2024 Rotary E-Club of Nextgen NCWQ Bursary.

Thank you to all the wonderful sponsors and ladies at NCWQ for supporting students to reach their end goal. As a student in a remote location there are certain challenges regarding not being able to attend classes in person or have an active social campus experience. Remote study makes it difficult to source materials for projects and involves travelling very far to collect them or attend CQU campus in Cairns.

The NCWQ Bursary will support me in my university degree by going towards materials and textbooks but also travel expenses. I will be studying a master's degree in 2025 and when a graduate I hope to get a full-time teaching position in this remote and stunning location.

Science Bursary

Sponsored by June McNicol OAM. June's experience as a metallurgist gives her an understanding of the difficulties facing women working in the physical sciences field. This bursary reflects her desire to assist female students following in her footsteps.



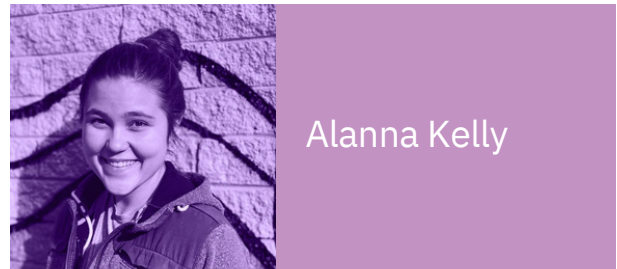
I am in my second year of a dual Bachelor of Mathematics/Bachelor of Commerce degree at The University of Queensland. I am honoured to be the 2024 recipient of the NCWQ Science Bursary sponsored by June McNicol OAM.

Coming from a rural community, Stanthorpe, I had always acknowledged that to pursue my education and career, moving to a major city would be necessary. The Women's College has been instrumental in my transition, providing a safe and supportive environment filled with amazing, driven young women. Moving to Brisbane has involved significant expense, not only educational, but general living away from home costs. I am most appreciative to June McNicol OAM for this bursary as it allows me to focus on my studies rather than needing employment during semester.

Although I am yet to decide on my career, it will undoubtedly stem from my passion for maths, ideally entwined with global opportunities. I strive for continuous self-improvement, so my primary career goal is to obtain a position which encourages my curiosity, personal and professional growth. I am most grateful to NCWQ for their recognition and encouragement in supporting my studies.

Senator Susan McDonald Bursary

Sponsored by Senator Susan McDonald, this bursary reflects the importance for regional students to be given the opportunity for tertiary study.



I grew up in Townsville. When I finished high school I completed a music degree and spent several years as an instrumental music teacher. In 2019, I made the decision to pursue my interest in healthcare and went back to university while continuing to work as a part-time musician externally. With the unfaltering support of my family and friends, I am now in my final year of studying medicine in Townsville.

Throughout my studies I have had the privilege to undertake hospital placements in areas such as Longreach, Cooktown, Mount Isa, Mossman, and later this year in Suva. With these experiences I have fostered a love for rural communities and hope to pursue medicine in the outback as a Rural Generalist.

I am grateful to receive the Senator Susan McDonald Bursary. This bursary will help supplement the travel and living expenses incurred whilst undertaking placements in hospitals outside of Townsville, providing me with the means to continue travelling to the communities that I hope to one day advocate for and serve as a doctor.

I am very grateful to Senator Susann McDonald and hope I can thank her in person on my return from my Mossman placement.

Soroptimist International Bursary

With the theme “Soroptimists – Lead to Educate, Empower, Enable” this bursary for an Indigenous woman studying in the areas of Medicine, Health or Education, reflects this ideal.



I am a proud Jirrbal woman from Townsville, in Far North Queensland. I completed my undergraduate degree in nursing at James Cook University in Townsville. However, my desire to practice with a greater scope led me to apply for a medical program. This opportunity brought me to Brisbane, where I am currently pursuing my studies in medicine.

I am grateful to Soroptimist International for this generous bursary. This support allows me to focus more intently on my education and less on the financial strain of living away from home.

By pursuing my medical career, I hope to inspire others and bring about positive change, particularly in Indigenous health and wellbeing. Additionally, I am passionate about being a role model for Indigenous females, showing them that they too can excel in fields like medicine. I want to encourage young Indigenous women to pursue their passions and break through barriers, proving that their cultural heritage is a source of strength and pride. Through my journey, I hope to inspire them to strive for excellence and to believe in their potential to make a significant impact on their communities and beyond

Soroptimist International Moreton North Inc (SIMNI) Bursary

This bursary is to assist a veterinary science student, especially recognising the costs involved with placements and assessment.



Queisha is a final-year Bachelor of Veterinary Science student at James Cook University, who has aspired to become a veterinarian since the age of seven. To secure admission into veterinary school, she pursued the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program during her final two years of high school, preparing herself for the rigorous demands of tertiary education.

Despite facing setbacks and a late-diagnosed learning disability during her degree, Queisha has consistently sought to enhance her clinical and surgical skills through various placements. Her final-year placements have included regional clinics near home in Far North Queensland and a behaviour specialist clinic in Brisbane.

This bursary will help cover the travel and living expenses associated with external placements, allowing Queisha to gain expert knowledge in behaviour medicine. Her interest in the complexities of animal behaviour and its role in pet-owner relationships has shaped her career aspirations. Ultimately, she plans to specialise and establish a veterinary practice that provides holistic care to pets and owners in remote and rural regions of Australia.

South Burnett Bursary

Sponsored by the South Burnett Regional Council, this bursary is for a female student from the region, who has contributed to the local community. The bursary recognises the additional difficulties for regional students.



Mary "Anne"
Logan

I am a mature-age student completing a Bachelor of Business and Commerce through UniSQ. I am the youngest of eight children, the mother of three wonderful sons and grandmother of two beautiful grandchildren. I come from a family-owned small business background, married a third-generation farmer, and have experienced first-hand the challenges faced by small business owners and primary producers.

I undertook university study to improve my future and gain the necessary skills to assist others with their accounting, finance, and taxation needs. My goal is to secure a position where I can use my skills to assist residents in our region. I am particularly interested in helping farmers with their taxation requirements and succession planning, as the plight of farmers is close to my heart.

I like helping others and love being involved in my local community. One ongoing rewarding experience is providing enjoyment to others through singing, especially the residents of nursing homes.

I am incredibly grateful to the NCWQ and South Burnett Mayor Kathy Duff for this bursary which will help with the cost of my course fees.

The Kathleen Langan Sports Management Bursary

The bursary, sponsored by Ronda Nix OAM, is in honour of the late Kathleen Langan, recognising her contribution to sport and its administration, when those roles were voluntary, and male-dominated. She was a Life member for hockey at the Brisbane, state and national levels and internationally qualified.



Matiese Wadwell

I am a student at Bond University, currently in my second year studying full-time in a Bachelor of Sports Management. On top of studying, I also balance training, playing, and coaching cricket at a premier level. I have played cricket for six years now, moving to the Gold Coast from Maitland, New South Wales, to develop this passion and skill I have for cricket as I lived in any area where women's cricket was not highly thought about. I have played a variety of sports growing up, but cricket was the one which stood out to me.

After finishing my studies at Bond University, I want to make cricket more accessible for young female cricketers, as I came from somewhere where this was the case. So, any job in cricket would be something I would love to do and something I have a strong passion for so I would strive to achieve my best.

I am very grateful to be the recipient of the Kathleen Langan Bursary and sincerely thank the sponsor of this bursary, Ronda Nix OAM. This bursary will help me with cutting costs for an upcoming cricket tour to India and professional development for my studies.

The Boyce Bursaries for students with disability

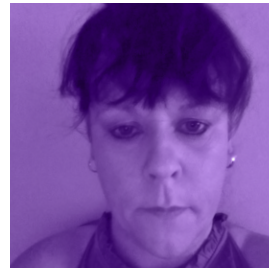
As a long-term advocate for those with disability, Sue Boyce has been an NCWQ bursary sponsor for a number of years, sponsoring two bursaries.



Juliet Sorbello

I was born with dwarfism and hearing impairment. From a young age, art has been a meaningful emotional outlet for me. It is a rare instance I am not judged for how I look but for what I can create. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Visual Arts at UniSQ, and endeavor to work in Anaplastology - a field which combines art and medicine to create custom prosthetics for people with facial differences. It is my dream to be able to utilise my skills in the arts and my experience living with a visible disability to forge a fulfilling and empathetic career helping others.

I would like to thank Sue Boyce and the NCWQ team for providing this opportunity and a pillar of support for people with disabilities. I cannot put into words how deeply validating receiving this bursary is to myself and my future goals.



Vanessa Shanahan

I would like to acknowledge the NCWQ and Sue Boyce. I am extremely grateful to receive the Boyce Disability Bursary. I have spent quite a bit of time at university, and I have studied in a variety of areas. I was lucky enough to fall into design, where I found my passion, fashion. In hindsight I always had an undercurrent of fashion in my blood.

The bursary will allow me to start my own jewellery business on Etsy. It will allow me to pay for five sample 9ct gold earrings that I design on 3D software, and then fill them to order. I wish to buy my apartment, and I hope my jewellery business is a success. I wish to grow my business from jewellery to encompass clothes and accessories. A fashion empire. That is my dream.

Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Women in Engineering Bursaries

The Women in Engineering Bursaries form part of TMR's ongoing commitment to increase the number of women in the traditionally male dominated engineering profession. These two bursaries aim to promote continued female engagement with engineering courses, ensuring a strong pipeline of qualified female engineers for today's contemporary workforce.



I am currently midway through my second year at Central Queensland University Rockhampton, where I am studying a Bachelor of engineering majoring in electrical and data analytics.

Receiving the Department of Transport and Main Roads Women in Engineering Bursary not only provides financial relief but provides me with the confidence to continue advocating for women in STEM careers.

This bursary will alleviate financial burdens by assisting in covering the cost of study materials, travel expenses, and textbooks, allowing me to continue to focus on achieving academic excellence and gaining valuable industry experience. My goal is to integrate data analytics within the engineering field to develop sustainable energy solutions.

Outside of university, I am committed to supporting our community through active involvement in our Surf Lifesaving Club. I aspire to remain within our region to contribute to its development and support volunteer surf lifesavers. Therefore, I appreciate the generosity of the sponsors in awarding me this bursary, because it allows me to remain local whilst advancing in my engineering studies and career aspirations.



Receiving the Department of Transport and Main Roads (SEQ) Bursary is an immense honour, which provides both financial support and encouragement as I complete my final year of civil engineering at Griffith University.

As the current president of Griffith's Women in Engineering club, I strive to advocate for females in this essential industry by providing support and education. From organising school workshops to hosting networking events, I am grateful for the invaluable experiences I have gained throughout this journey and the supportive community which has encouraged me through the challenges of my studies.

To me, engineering is about creating efficient solutions for our built and natural environments. I look forward to a career where I can contribute to sustainable development, ideally in the field of hydrology and environmental protection.

This bursary significantly eases financial pressures, as it is worth two months of my rent, which means I can focus more on my studies and volunteering. I am immensely grateful for the support and confidence that this bursary has provided me.

In conclusion...

Congratulations to each of our 2024 Bursary Program recipients. You are now part of the group of 385 bursary recipients since the NCWQ Bursary program commenced in 2009.

Thanks to our sponsors for their support and contribution. Thanks also to the members of Team Bursary. The program only continues because of these groups.

Our recipients never cease to amaze us, and the 2024 Cohort of recipients is no exception.

You have dreamt, you have striven, sometimes against the odds. You have achieved and you will achieve more. You are our inspiration.

“For one thing we know beyond all doubt: Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says, ‘It can’t be done.’” — Eleanor Roosevelt



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