

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Mary Potter Hospice Scholarship for Palliative Care Nursing for 2026

Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa ni, Kam na mauri, Mālō e lelei, Halo olaketa, Talofa, Ni sa bula vinaka, Malo le soifua,

We welcome applications from Pacific student nurses who have a special interest in learning more about palliative care.

This scholarship is dedicated to supporting a final year Pacific student nurse, who has an interest in Palliative Care. The scholarship provides a nurse the opportunity to strive towards excellence in nursing while exploring palliative care as a future career option.

The scholarship provides \$10,000 for the successful applicant, to support the cost of final year tertiary fees and offers a guaranteed elective final work placement in the Hospice In-Patient Unit in Newtown. In addition to this grant there is an opportunity to work with us as a casual Health Care Assistant during this final year of study.

Mary Potter Hospice-Who we are and what we do

In 1988 the Little Company of Mary gifted Mary Potter Hospice to the people of Wellington as an independent, non-sectarian Trust, called the Mary Potter Hospice Foundation. The sisters believed that the Hospice should sit, supported, within the community. They instilled the values of mana/respect, aroha/compassion, rangatiratanga/dignity, manaakitanga/hospitality and kaitiakitanga/stewardship, which remain essential to our work today.

Our clinical services include the Inpatient Unit in Newtown and Community Hospice services in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti. Maintaining a community focus, our services are provided wherever people are – at home, in Aged Residential Care or in the Inpatient Unit in Newtown.

Eligibility

All second year Pacific nursing students currently studying at Whitireia New Zealand or Massey University.

Term of Scholarship

Final year of tertiary study.

Benefits to Scholar

- \$10,000 – Split, for payment of university/tertiary course fees and for personal use, e.g. new laptop
- Guaranteed final year elective placement.

Selection Criteria

All applicants need to,

- Submit a curriculum vitae highlighting the skills referred to in selection criteria
- Submit a two page proposal essay or a short video of two-three minutes
- Provide written endorsement from your programme manager and cultural elder
- Provide contact details of a personal referee (not a family member or friend)
- Provide certified copies of academic records

Essay/video

You are invited to submit a written essay or short video of two-three minutes, about your personal perspectives on the current state of palliative care in New Zealand and your vision for its future, including the Mary Potter Hospice values of mana, manaakitanga, aroha, kaitiakitanga, and rangatiratanga.

Tell us about your nursing success including your diverse range of nursing skills relevant to palliative care, your connection to your community and your academic track record. On a personal level, include/talk about examples of your approachability, effective communication skills that foster connection, and compassionate engagement with diverse individuals and cultures. We would also like to understand your work ethic, e.g. proficiency in time management, teamwork, and readiness to embrace new challenges.

Evaluation Panel

- Karen Jacobs-Grant, Director Health Equity
- Tiimalu Maria Goretti Sialava'a, Pacific Advisory Group member
- Helen Golds, Clinical Manager

Applications are open now and will close on Tuesday at 5pm, March 31, 2026

The successful applicant

- The successful scholarship applicant will be notified by the end of April 2026 and further information will be provided at that time.

Send your application to:

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