



Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship

Guidelines 2025



Introduction

The Huon Valley Council has been directly involved in the delivery of health services since 1992. Since that time health services have expanded in the Huon Valley, as a result, there are now genuine career opportunities in the health field for local residents. At the June 2014 Council meeting it was resolved that the Huon Valley Health Scholarship be established. In doing so, it is the intention of the Council to build upon the ongoing provision of health service by encouraging individuals to obtain a qualification in a health area and in turn hopefully remain or return to reside and work in the Huon Valley.

The former Huon Valley Mayor, Greg Norris' passion to ensure that the Huon Valley received adequate health coverage was a driving force in the early 1990s. His aim, to ensure that a range of high-quality health services equivalent to larger population areas was achieved. He was instrumental in the Council's involvement in the delivery of health services to ensure that the communities needs were met. In recognition of his input to the current health arrangements, it is considered appropriate for him to be recognised in the naming of the scholarship.

The Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship aims to assist Huon Valley residents to progress in their studies in the health field. The scholarship is a great example of the Huon Valley Council's commitment to lifelong learning, innovation as well as the sustainability of health services in the Huon Valley.

Scholarship Guidelines

These guidelines outline the eligibility and assessment criteria and the assessment process for the Greg Norris Health Scholarship. All applications must comply with these guidelines.

Who can apply?

Huon Valley residents who are undertaking study in Tasmania in one of the following fields:

- Medicine.
- Nursing; or
- Allied Health.

If the chosen field is not available to study in Tasmania, applications will be considered from students enrolling at other Australian universities or registered training authorities.

How to Apply

Applications can be made by completing the application form available on the Huon Valley Council website www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au

If you are having difficulties, please email hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au or telephone (03) 6264 0300 and we will be happy to assist you.

Key Dates for Nominations

Scholarship applications will be accepted in January / February each year. Applications, including all required supporting documentation must be submitted before 5pm on the closing date:

Applications Open	13 January 2025
Applications Close	03 March 2025
Assessment Panel meet:	March 2025
Decision made by Council:	March 2025
Advice distributed to applicants:	April 2025

Late applications are not eligible and will not be assessed.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be assessed for a Scholarship, applicants must meet the criteria listed above under “Who Can Apply?”

Ineligible Applications

Applications will be ineligible if they do not comply with the eligibility criteria listed above.

Assessment Criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed against the criteria listed below. Applicants do not need to meet all the following assessment criteria, nor is meeting all the criteria a guarantee of funding.

Each application will be assessed on its individual merit and its capacity to meet the following Criteria:

- Demonstrate that without support from the fund, they would experience hardship or find it difficult to access further education in the health area without receiving the scholarship support.
- Demonstrate that the skills and knowledge acquired from the study or qualification would be of benefit to the Huon Valley.
- Reside in the Huon Valley Local Government Area at the time of the application.
- Demonstrate relevant use of funds for course costs such as fees, texts, and materials as well as indirect costs associated with study including travel, relocation and rent whilst studying if they have been required to relocate to pursue their studies i.e., Launceston. Some study mechanisms such as TAFE Tas (enrolled nursing) don't offer direct fee assistance.
- It is preferable that the study is relevant / applicable to a future rural application.

Assessment Process

Assessment Panel

The Assessment Panel will include the Manager of Social Resilience and relevant Council officers. The panel will assess each application on its merit, against the assessment criteria and will meet to discuss the applications. Applications will be scored and assessed according to the criteria. If the Panel requires additional information in relation to your application, applicants will be contacted by the relevant Council Officer.

Through assessment, the application may be recommended for partial funding. This decision is carefully considered with the view of maintaining the integrity of the application.

Recommendations to Council

The Panel will make its recommendations to the Council as to which applicant(s) should receive funding based on the outcome of the assessment process. The decision of Council regarding funding outcomes is final.

It should be noted that the report detailing the recommendations for funding will be on the open agenda of the Council agenda. The full application is not available, but brief details of all applications including applicant name, amount requested, and amount recommended for approval (for successful applicants) will be included in the report.

Communication

Applicants will receive automatic notification of receipt of application and notification of the assessment results. All applicants will be advised of the Council decision by email following Council approval. See Key Dates for likely timing.

Successful Applications

Scholarship Agreement

Successful applicants will be sent a Contract. Scholarship funds will be paid as follows based on the level of study (Note: amount varies if award is shared):

Full Time Student Paid over a three-year period	Part Time Student Paid in three instalments.
Year 1 \$2,000	30% completion equivalent \$2,000
Year 2 \$1,500	60% completion equivalent \$1,500
Year 3 \$1,500	90% completion equivalent \$1,500

All payments would be subject to evidence of ongoing successful progression of the identified study at the end of each semester.

To retain the scholarship, recipients would be required to achieve a minimum pass (competent) result in all units studied each semester.

In the event a recipient does not complete a qualification or changes courses, then the Council would cease to pay the next progress instalment and may reclaim a percentage of funds already paid.

Unsuccessful Applications

Unsuccessful applicants may discuss their application with the relevant Council Officer. If your application is not successful, the decision does not necessarily reflect the worthiness of the application.

Further Information and Enquiries

Documents

Copies of all Huon Valley Council documents referred to throughout these guidelines can be found on the Huon Valley Council website: www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au .

Please ensure all documents required are included with your Grant application unless otherwise indicated.

Contact Officer

For further information specifically regarding The Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship, please contact:

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