Annual Education and Research Grants for pre-registration midwifery students and childbirth educators.

MidCentral DHB, through the Midwifery Advisory Group, will administer a system of annual education and research grants to the sum of $25,000 per annum. This fund has been developed to encourage, support and guide midwifery research and postgraduate education undertaken by midwives working within the MidCentral DHB region and the development of the future midwifery workforce. The DHB has a commitment to midwifery workforce development and midwifery research and development.

Amounts awarded may be determined by the demonstrated need of the applicant(s) and the proposed application of the study programme to the goals of the MidCentral DHB Maternity Services Strategy.

For the tier of funding allocated for pre-midwifery education, the grant applicants are those who:

- Wish to become midwives in the future and are undertaking some stepping stone education prior to entry to a recognised Bachelor of Midwifery programme
- Are undertaking a childbirth educators course which will enable them to contribute to the goals of the MidCentral DHB maternity Services Strategy

The grants shall be awarded by the MidCentral DHB after considering the advice of the sponsor, MidCentral DHB Funding Division GM and the Midwifery Advisory Group which has membership of:

- the Midwifery Advisor
- the MidCentral health Midwifery Leader
- representatives of midwifery LMCs in the region
- representatives of hospital employed midwives
- Midwifery postgraduate lecturer.

The criteria to be applied in the selection of recipients of the grants will include the following:

- the relevance of the applicant’s planned education course to the goals of the Maternity Services Strategy
- the applicant’s record of previous success in study, or evidence of the potential ability of the applicant to achieve well in these areas
• evidence of the contributions of the applicant to the community of the MidCentral District.

Payment of the first half of each scholarship will be made once an awardee has provided satisfactory evidence to the Midwifery Advisory Group of enrolment in and acceptance for the education programme. The second half will be paid upon satisfactory evidence of the successful completion of the programme by the awardee, and the fulfilment of any conditions imposed by the Group as terms of such a grant.

If an awardee of a grant, having received one half of the grant, discontinues the education programme/course funded by this grant, the Group shall be entitled to claim back from the awardee the whole or appropriate portion of the half Grant initially paid. The Group will consider prevailing circumstances of the awardee withdrawing from the education programme.

Applications for scholarships close each year 31 March and 31 July

Applications can be obtained from the MidCentral Health Website and should be sent to –

Midwifery Advisor
MidCentral DHB
Funding Division
Corporate Offices
Heretaunga St
Palmerston North

Tel: 027 2032930

Applicants should ensure that all necessary supporting material is sent at the time of application.
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APPLICATION FORM:

Name_________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________

Contact Phone number ____________ email _________________________

Course of study the grant will support ____________________

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Contribution to the community of the MidCentral

District_____________________________________________________

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Note: We are expecting more applications than there are grants available. Please take the opportunity to strongly present your case for a grant through the submission of a clearly presented and well supported application which provides clear indication to the Midwifery Advisory Group as to why you should be successful.

The maximum grant per applicant is expected to be $750.00, however, demonstration of the need for increased funding may be successful.
Briefly outline the relevance of the planned education programme/course to your area of interest and how this is likely to further the goals of the MIDCENTRAL DHB Maternity Services Strategy.

Educational Institution _________________________________________________

Duration of programme _______________________________________________

Papers completed to date, if any __________________________________________

Evidence of previous academic experience attached. Yes □ No □
(Here you should provide a list of previously achieved post-secondary school papers/courses)

Evidence of current enrolment attached. Yes □ No □
(This may need to be provided at a later date if the University or other education provider is slow to issue it)

**Study Leave/time arrangements**

Arrangements to cover course time requirements ____________________________

Outline any previous financial support received for study or continuing education courses

State other sources of funding sought or provided for this current programme of study ____________________________________________________________
Evidence of clear relationship between the paper/course and the MIDCENTRAL DHB Maternity Services Strategy included? Yes ☐ No ☐

Amount applied for: $____________

Evidence for this amount attached (research budget and/or paper fees schedule)? ☐

Is there any further information the Midwifery Advisory Group should be aware of in support of your application? __________________________________________________________

I apply for this grant with full knowledge that if having received one half of the grant, if I discontinue my education programme, the Midwifery Advisory Group shall be entitled to claim back the whole or appropriate portion of the half grant initially paid.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________