

RURAL AMBASSADOR STUDENT GRANT

Guidelines 2020 - 2021

For:

VICTORIAN STUDENTS

RECENT GRADUATES

MEDICINE

ALLIED HEALTH

NURSING

ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Grant Purpose

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is a non-profit government funded organisation improving healthcare for rural, regional and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Victoria.

The RWAV Rural Ambassador Student Grant aims to enhance opportunities for students interested in rural health to participate in or lead events and activities that promote rural health.

The grant aspires to raise awareness of the opportunities available in rural healthcare to young people. This is a crucial step in attracting and retaining the future rural health workforce.

Applicants can apply for funding to:

- Attend rural health events such as conferences, speaking events, rural career events, community activities or cultural awareness/safety training.
- Organise or host their own rural health initiatives.

RWAV may also use the funding to support rural health ambassadors to act as RWAV representatives at events promoting rural health careers such as conferences, mentoring dinners, community activities and youth activities.

*Applying for this grant does not guarantee that funds will be awarded.

Grant close date: 31 May 2021

Funding

Applicants can apply for funding for up to \$3,000 once per year. At the discretion of RWAV, funding items can include:

- Travel costs
- Resource development
- Event tickets
- Registration fees
- Venue hire
- Equipment hire/purchase
- Talent fee
- Accommodation and meals

*Applicants are encouraged to apply for funding to cover all funding items from the above list that will be applicable to their event/activity. Please note that this does not guarantee that all funding requests made on the application will be filled.

The expenses and the amount awarded to each applicant will be at the discretion of the RWAV Future Workforce Program Officer and details indicating where the funding can be spent will be specified in the agreement letter.

Grant funding cannot be used for the following activities:

- Recruitment and relocation grants to health professionals to cover expenses that are covered by their employers
- Recruitment and relocation grants to cover expenses associated with international relocation, including visa costs and international flights
- Purchase of land
- Major capital expenditure

- The covering of retrospective costs
- Costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- Major construction/capital works
- Activities which support political campaigns
- Grant recipient staff overseas travel, and
- Activities for which other Commonwealth, State, Territory or Local Government bodies have primary responsibility.

Eligibility

We are seeking applicants who are representative of the many available rural health career pathways, are passionate about rural health and want to enhance their knowledge of rural health; further develop their rural health career prospects; or inspire and support the future generation of rural health practitioners.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be studying a health discipline at a Victorian University or Tertiary Education provider or; must be an allied health, nursing or medicine graduate including those enrolled in internship and registrar programs
- Applicants must show genuine passion and dedication to rural health
- Activity must be undertaken in Victoria
- Applications must be submitted and approved prior to the activity/event taking place
- Applicants studying or practicing Paramedicine are NOT eligible

*If successful in obtaining a grant the applicant must submit a brief activity report including photos or video. Images and text may be published by RWAV to promote Future Workforce initiatives and RWAV may call on you in the future to assist with promotional activities. Applicants will be required to provide permission for images and text to be used. The activity report must be submitted within 4 weeks of completing the activity to FutureWorkforce@rwav.com.au

Application Assessment

Applications will be assessed by the RWAV Future Workforce Program Officer

Complete the RWAV Rural Ambassador Student Grant 2020 application form via the RWAV website.

- Applications for RWAV Rural Ambassador Student Grant 2020 are considered throughout the financial year, funding will cease when expended.
- All grants will be assessed and successful recipients determined by the RWAV Future Workforce Program Officer.
- All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application within two weeks of receipt of receiving a completed application.

Grant Payment

As part of the application process applicants must provide quotes to RWAV to support their request for funding. After the activity has taken place paid invoices must be supplied to RWAV and any funds that were not utilised must be returned to RWAV. This arrangement will be stipulated in an agreement letter that all applicants must sign prior to receiving any funding.

Grant funding will be paid via electronic funds transfer upon receipt of the signed agreement letter. Funds can take up to ten (10) business days to process.

More Information

For more information about the RWAV Rural Ambassador Student Grant contact:

RWAV Future Workforce Program Officer

T: 03 9349 7800 **E:** FutureWorkforce@rwav.com.au

*Whilst RWAV aims to provide an excellent service, applicants are required to read the RWAV Complaint Management Policy document. Any complaint must be reported to the Future Workforce Program Officer on FutureWorkforce@rwav.com.au.