

## AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund

### **Purpose**

To support students from Singapore and Malaysia to study nursing in Australia.

### **Funding amount**

Single distribution of approximately \$450,000

### **Timeframes**

#### **Grant Round**

- Opens 22 June 2026
- Closes 4 September 2026

### **Outcomes**

- By 5 October 2026

### **Eligibility**

- Item 1 DGR organisations which are registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

### **FY2027 Grant Round Guidelines**

Established in 1947, the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund is a perpetual private charitable trust for the purpose of supporting students from Singapore and Malaysia to study nursing in Australia.

"After the Japanese surrender in 1945, the AIF members who were returning from Malaya (now known as Malaysia and Singapore) began discussing a suitable memorial to recognise the enormous bravery of the thousands of prisoners of war and Malayan communities that provided support and kindness to the captive forces over a very difficult three-year period.

At a conference of senior AIF officers in 1945, a committee was appointed to consider suggestions and make recommendations for a suitable memorial. After much deliberation, it was decided to adopt the recommendation of Major Cade to form a scholarship to train students from Malaya in Australia with a view to them returning to Malaya and practice as nurses."

The AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund is managed by a Board who are the Managing Trustees, the funds being administered by State Trustees (Victoria) who act in the capacity of Custodian Trustee.

The Board is now winding up the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund. The remaining funds will be distributed by means of the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund FY2027 Grant.

We are seeking to distribute the funds to an organisation whose work aligns with the purpose of the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund.

## Assessment Criteria

All applications will be assessed and ranked against each other.

An initial summary of applications will be prepared by State Trustees. Final assessment and decision making will be conducted by the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund Board. The assessment will be conducted against the following criteria:

1. **Alignment:** The extent to which the application aligns with the purposes of the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund.
2. **Achievability:** The extent to which the proposed program/projects/activities in the application are assessed as realistic and achievable.
3. **Suitability:** The suitability of the applicant organisation to be allocated the funds.

## Confirmation of Eligibility

An 'eligible entity' is:

- Endorsed as an Item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR); AND
- Registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC); OR
- Is a government entity

If you are applying under an auspice arrangement, please ensure that the name and details of the auspice organisation are entered as the applicant organisation.

## What are the timeframes?

<b>Grant Round Opens</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026, 9am</b>
<b>Grant Round Closes</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 5pm</b>
Outcome notifications	By Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Conditions of Awards	To be returned by the recipient within five business days of successful outcome notification

## How much funding is available for a project?

The round provides a single distribution of approximately \$450,000.

## What is the assessment process?

- Applicant organisations will be reviewed to confirm if they are eligible entities.
- Applications will be assessed against the program application criteria, with applications which are most aligned with our preferences and objectives receiving a higher rating.
- Assessments are made using a blended assessment model, where ranking and qualitative analysis is used to inform decisions. Ratings are made on a 6-point scale:

0 = application completely fails to address criterion

1 = application largely fails to meet the criterion

2 = application just fails to meet the criterion

3 = application meets criterion

4 = application meets criterion well

5 = application meets criterion at a high level

- Notifications of outcomes will be sent via email.
- Canvassing of the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship Fund Board members is prohibited and may result in the applicant being excluded from the assessment process.
- Applicants may contact State Trustees (see details below) with any questions relating to their applications or the application process.

### **How are payments made?**

Payments will be made by electronic funds transfer only to the nominated bank account provided in the application within five business days of a returned Conditions of Award.

### **How do I apply?**

We use SmartyGrants – an online application form. Remember to save each page when entering information. We recommend reading these tips on how to use SmartyGrants: [Help Guide for Applicants](#).

### **Application Checklist**

Have you:

- Read the objectives and exclusions?
- Noted the important dates?
- Prepared eligibility details, including ABN, Australian bank account?
- Prepared links to your annual report or financial statements?

Already familiar with SmartyGrants? Then log in to our application form:

[https://statetrustees.smartygrants.com.au/AIFMNSF\\_FY27](https://statetrustees.smartygrants.com.au/AIFMNSF_FY27)

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

Contact us on **(03) 9667 2845** or send us an email if you would like more information or to discuss your project: [charitable@statetrustees.com.au](mailto:charitable@statetrustees.com.au)

*Note: Please do not add us to your direct marketing / appeals lists. This may result in all your correspondence being treated as 'spam' in our email processes.*