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The Dr Ellen Mary Kent Hughes Memorial Scholarship



The Dr Ellen Mary Kent Hughes Memorial Scholarship was established in 2016 by South Burnett Women in honour of the achievements of Dr Ellen Kent Mary Hughes who became Queensland's first female councillor when she was elected to the Kingaroy council in 1923. The Dr Ellen Mary Kent Hughes Memorial Scholarship was founded with the aim of supporting a local South Burnett woman embark on tertiary education by way of a \$5,000 bursary.

Founding Partners:

South Burnett Women wishes to acknowledge the financial contribution of the following partners:

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About Dr Ellen Mary Kent Hughes (1893-1979)

In 1918 as a newly widowed mother Dr Kent Hughes was appointed resident medical officer at the Hospital for Sick Children, Brisbane, on a salary of £50 a year. Shortly after she accepted a locum tenancy at Mitchell at a time when the state was gripped by drought and the pneumonic influenza epidemic. In 1920, at All Saints Anglican Church Dr Kent Hughes married Francis Garde Wesley Wilson (d.1970) and relocated to the South Burnett where she became Queensland's first female councillor when she was elected for the Kingaroy Shire Council in 1923.

Dr Kent Hughes 'never found that being a woman had the slightest adverse effect' on her career. Honorary paediatrician at the Armidale and New England Hospital, government medical officer and a justice of the peace, she was 'tireless in her ministrations', 'firm in her admonitions' and resolute in answering calls. Dr Kent Hughes published two articles in the Medical Journal of Australia, 'Observations on Congenital Syphilis' (1919) and 'The Role of the Private Practitioner in Preventive Medicine' (1967).





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Value

The scholarship will have a maximum value of \$5,000 and will be distributed by 31 January 2017.

Eligibility

To be eligible applicants must be:

- an Australian Citizen or have permanent resident status;
- a resident of the South Burnett as defined by the local government boundaries;
- female;
- enrolled at a tertiary education institution by 31 January 2017;
- in a position to begin study in 2017;
- willing to attend one South Burnett Women event in 2017;
- able to demonstrate academic or employment credentials;
- able to demonstrate previous recent community contribution;
- able to demonstrate financial merits ie why you need the scholarship

Selection criteria

Applicants will:

- submit a personal statement outlining:
 - a description of their career aims and goals
 - how the Scholarship will assist them to achieve their future career plans
 - their personal financial circumstances to establish financial merits
- provide evidence of sound or higher academic achievement e.g. high school report card or post-secondary academic history, as applicable
- For mature applicants provide evidence of employment or academic achievement
- demonstrate a history of involvement within their school, extracurricular activities or within their local community



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Selection criteria (continued)

- demonstrate a commitment to social justice principles and/or bringing people from diverse backgrounds together; or leadership and communication skills;
- attach their Curriculum Vitae ;
- attach proof of residence within the South Burnett Region as defined by the local government boundaries by providing a copy of one of the following drivers licence; Electoral Commission notice; telephone or electricity bills; correspondence from an organisation such as Centrelink or a financial institution.

All women are encouraged to apply including those from diverse backgrounds.

How to apply

Complete the Scholarship Application Form and post the application together with a cover letter addressing the Selection Criteria and all relevant supporting documentation to:

South Burnett Women
PO Box 320
KINGAROY QLD 4610
southburnettwomen@gmail.com

Applications open 1 July 2016

Closing date 30 September 2016

South Burnett Women reserves the right to alter the conditions of the Scholarship/Bursary based upon exceptional circumstances. South Burnett Women reserves the right to not award the Scholarship/Bursary in a given year.

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