

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Australian Church Women Inc., an ecumenical Christian women's organisation, is inviting applications for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship which is awarded annually. Application forms for the year 2019 are attached. Please distribute them to any groups that may have suitable applicants.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship – named in honour of the first woman ordained in Australia in the (then) Congregational Church – is offered in rotation to women from countries of the Pacific Island Nations, member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference, and multicultural Australia. This is the 53rd year of the Scholarship. We are seeking applications for the 2019 Scholarship from Christian women, preferably aged 25 or over, who are resident in the Pacific Island Nations. The Scholarship is to help the recipient to undertake theological studies, Bible studies, religious leadership training or to attend a conference or seminar during 2019.

The Scholarship funds may be used to help cover course or conference costs, travel and accommodation. It is preferable that studies be undertaken in a country within the geographical region in which the applicant resides. Some limited additional funds are available for the purchase of resources to assist in study. If the applicant is applying for funds to cover attendance at a Conference or Seminar, registration, accommodation and fares may be included.

The applicant must be nominated by a Christian organisation which will commit to supporting the nominee during the period of the Scholarship, and providing opportunities at the completion to use the skills gained.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship is funded through the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust. Australian Church Women raise money each year by donations and fundraising. Interest from the investments provides the Scholarship, so the value varies from year to year.

Applications close on 31st May 2018. For further information please contact Mrs Velvy Holden email holdens@bigpond.net.au or go to the website <u>www.acw.org.au</u> and follow the links to "National" and "Winifred Kiek Scholarship".

Please send completed applications by email to: Velvy Holden <u>holdens@bigpond.net.au</u> +61 415 728 457

