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## Media release

### Inviting applications for 2011 round of Rural and Remote Pharmacy scholarships

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is inviting rural and remote students to apply for scholarships worth up to \$40,000 to study pharmacy. Applications opened on Tuesday 5 October 2010 and close Friday 3 December 2010.

The Rural and Remote Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme has been established to provide financial support to encourage and enable students from rural and remote communities to undertake studies in pharmacy. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to seek employment in rural and remote areas following graduation.

The equivalent of 30 fulltime scholarships are available annually, valued at \$10,000 per annum over a four year period (a maximum of \$40,000 per student over a four-year period). Applicants can be in any year of undergraduate or postgraduate study.

“I am delighted to offer encouragement and support to rural and remote pharmacy students. The scholarships not only provide financial assistance, but also provide support for pharmacist hopefuls to realise their dreams. It is a great initiative that helps students achieve their goals and supports community pharmacy in rural and remote areas,” National President of the Guild, Kos Sclavos, said.

“Community pharmacy is the only part of the health sector that has grown in rural and regional Australia in recent times, and we want to keep it strong.”

In addition, 3 fulltime scholarships are available under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study pharmacy at university.

Applications and guidelines for both Schemes are available via the Guild’s rural website [www.ruralpharmacy.com.au](http://www.ruralpharmacy.com.au)

The Rural and Remote Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and managed by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia under the Community Pharmacy Agreement.

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