**The Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship for 2026**

**Winifred Kiek**

In 1927, Winifred Kiek was the first woman to be ordained in Australia in the (then) Congregational Church (now Uniting Church).

Winifred worked for peace in local, state, national and international organisations, attending many world conferences. Because of her concern for women in third world countries at that time, she was influential in the founding of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, which has been awarded every year since 1965.

**The Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship**

This annual scholarship is available in yearly rotation to Christian women from multicultural Australia, Pacific Island nations, and member countries of the Asian Church Women’s Conference.

It provides opportunity for the successful applicant to:

* further her theological training or
* attend a conference or study program that supports her work in her church or community,
* use the funds to develop and support a designated educational or charitable project for women.

**The Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship for 2026 will be awarded to a woman who is a resident of a member country of the Asian Church Women’s Conference (ACWC).**

**Applications for Scholarships**

Applications for the 2026 Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship are open now and must be received by 31 May 2025.

Applicants are requested to submit:

 **1. An application statement to be completed by the applicant and**

**2. A nomination statement to be completed by a nominating committee that agrees to support the applicant through her study.**

**Application Statement**

Your application statement must include the following:

* Personal details: full name, date of birth, postal and home address, email, phone number(s).
* Church affiliation.
* An indication of the area in which you wish to use Scholarship funds: e.g.
	+ Theological Studies including the college or university offering the course.
	+ Christian leadership training including details of the training institution.
	+ Attendance at a Conference or Seminar.
* The amount of scholarship support requested for one year. Please indicate costs such as: course fees, conference registration, travel costs, accommodation, resources.
* A 250–300 word statement about your work, church involvement and how you plan to make use of the study or training.

**Nomination Statement**

To be supplied by the nominating committee in support of the applicant. The statement must include:

* Name of the Nominating Committee and the aims and objectives of the committee.
* Postal and email address and phone number.
* A brief statement indicating why you are nominating the applicant and a commitment of support for her during the period of her scholarship.
* To be signed by a person representing the committee.

**Completed Application and Nomination Statements should be emailed to:**

Velvy Holden

Chairperson

Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship Trustees

**holdens@bigpond.net.au**

**Closing date for applications: 31 May 2025**

The successful applicant will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement and submit a current personal photograph.