

NAFEA Scholarship Report

- How has the experience contributed to acquiring professional skills?

The experience allowed me to develop professional skills through help from numerous professionals. I received assistance with advancing skills and knowledge from both my paramedic mentors as well as from other health professionals.

- How has the experience influenced your personal motivations to work in a rural setting?

The experience helped me realise the advantages of working in a rural setting. I now understand the range of jobs and amount of work there is in this type of setting. The experience has changed my mindset from only wanting to work in heavily populated areas, to thinking about expanding my working environment to include more rural locations.

- How has the NAFEA scholarship assisted with undertaking a rural placement?

The scholarship has had a huge impact by allowing me to successfully complete a rural placement located hours from home. As I am still young and dependent on my parents, undertaking a rural placement is not easy. However, receiving this scholarship allowed me to have an amazing experience. It allowed me to buy new uniforms so I could present professionally on shift, assisted with maintaining a healthy lifestyle while away from home as well as taking the financial burden off my shoulders during the 6 week period.