

# Everything you need to know about the KIMGUARD® Sterile Wrap Scholarship 2010



## What is it?

The KIMBERLY-CLARK KIMGUARD® Sterile Wrap scholarship program has been developed in conjunction with the Federation of Sterilising Research Advisory Council of Australia (FSRACA) and the New Zealand Sterile Services Association (NZSSA) to provide special recognition for innovative change improvement programs developed by Sterile Service professionals.

Members of SRACA and NZSSA who are either Managers or Sterilising Technicians working in CSSD are invited to contribute, to investigate and document innovative change improvement programs that have been developed. A total of 9 scholarships throughout Australia and New Zealand are available.

### CSSD Scholarship:

Open to Association members working as managers or technicians.

### CSSD Technicians Scholarship:

Exclusive to Association Members working as technicians.

**Program commences 1 June 2010.**

**All entries to be received by close of business  
Wednesday 1 December 2010.**

We welcome your participation in the Scholarship Program.

## Who can apply?

To qualify for entry into the KIMBERLY-CLARK KIMGUARD® Sterile Wrap Scholarship Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Member of SRACA or NZSSA
- Currently employed in a Sterile Services facility (including Sterile linen services)
- Have completed a Sterilisation Technology course
- Agree to present your entry at a State or National Sterilisation Conference
- Have not have previously been awarded a State or National KIMGUARD® Sterile Wrap scholarship within the past 2 years
- Winning entries will be published in *Sterilisation in Australia* journal / NZSSA *Supplyline*. If you win, you authorise reproduction of your entry in the journal and editing of entry prior to publication with your consultation
- Submission cannot have been entered for another supplier's scholarship program
- Prize taken within 12 months from award date.

In conjunction with



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Advisory Council of Australia



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ASSOCIATION  
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# CSSD Scholarship:

## Requirements

Submit a paper on a **Sterile Service Change Improvement** of which you have been one of the principal project organisers.

The project needs to be submitted in a report format and should not be more than 2,000 words.

The Australian and New Zealand winners will be contacted by mail and phone and announced at a relevant upcoming conference.

## Assessment Criteria

a. The project needs to be relevant to general practice in a health based sterilisation facility.

Examples of possible topics for improving practice or processes could include:

- Validation
- Implementing Event Related Sterility Management
- Standardising Practice
- Improving OH&S practices
- Implementing a training and education program for CSSD staff
- Overcoming wet pack issues
- Processing of anaesthetic items

b. The layout of the paper needs be in report format as follows:

1. Abstract
2. Introduction
3. Methodology
4. Results
5. Discussion
6. Conclusion
7. References

All applicants' papers will be individually judged by an independent judge appointed by the national association committee. All applications will be judged with regard to the overall quality of the project, including contribution of knowledge, degree of project innovation and project methodology. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## Prize

Two (2) prizes of AU\$2500 / NZ\$3000 (one for Australia and one for New Zealand) towards cost of attendance at a sterilisation conference. Scholarship prize must be taken within 12 months from the date of the award.

# CSSD Technicians Scholarship: (exclusive to CSSD Technicians)

## Requirements: Poster Option

Submit a 1 sided poster on **One Improvement** activity that has helped you as a CSSD professional or your facility.

The layout needs to be under the 3 headings below. Pictures and other media may be used to demonstrate the quality activity.

1. **Background:** Why you or your facility looked to make this improvement.
2. **Action Taken:** The actual improvements that were made to help you as a CSSD professional or your facility.
3. **Results:** A short summary with the outcomes and benefits that have resulted due to these improvements.

Posters need to be submitted in the above format and should not be more than 750 words.

or

## Requirements: PowerPoint Presentation Option

Submit a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation (10–12 slides) on **One Improvement** activity that has helped you as a CSSD professional or your facility.

The layout needs to be under the 3 headings below. Pictures and other media may be used to demonstrate the quality activity.

1. **Background:** Why you or your facility looked to make this improvement.
2. **Action Taken:** The actual improvements that were made to help you as a CSSD professional or your facility.
3. **Results:** A short summary with the outcomes and benefits that have resulted due to these improvements.

PowerPoint presentations need to be submitted in the above format and should not contain more than 750 words on the slides. Please send your entry to your local organisation. In Australia this will be the SRACA President in your state and in New Zealand, the NZSSA President.

## Assessment Criteria

The project needs to be relevant to practice in a health based sterilisation facility. All applicants' papers will be individually judged by an independent judge appointed by the national association committee. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## Prize

Seven (7) prizes will be awarded to attend a sterilisation conference: Australian winners (1 per State) will each receive AU\$500 and New Zealand winner will receive NZ\$600. Scholarship prize must be taken within 12 months from the date of the award.

**An Application Form is provided on the following page.  
Contact your SRACA or NZSSA representative listed below for more information.**



## SRACA Contacts

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# KIMGUARD® Sterile Wrap Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Facility/Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     )     Fax: (     )

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SRACA/NZSSA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Sterilisation Technology Course & Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a photocopy of each of the following:**

- **Sterilising Technology or CSSD Technician's Certificate / Qualification or Foundation Course Certificate**
- **Current SRACA / NZSSA Membership receipt or statement of Membership**
- **Hospital / Sterile Laundry Service Identification.**

**Please send your entry to your SRACA or NZSSA Representative listed on the previous page.  
Contact your SRACA or NZSSA representative for more information.**

**Application closing date:  
Wednesday 1 December 2010**

All applications must be received by close of business Wednesday 1 December 2010 by your State SRACA or NZSSA President who will confirm criteria have been met. Applications are then forwarded to Kimberly-Clark, which will de-identify applications prior to independent judging. Kimberly-Clark will then notify the State SRACA or NZSSA President prior to notifying the successful applicant.

**Australian & New Zealand winners will be contacted by mail and phone and announced at a relevant upcoming conference.**



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