

## The Gretta and Harry Hamblin Trust

The Gretta and Harry Hamblin Trust was established through the generosity of Miss Norah Hamblin in memory of Miss Hamblin's parents, Gretta and Harry Hamblin by which the fund is now known.

Miss Hamblin started her nursing career in 1934 and has worked in various parts of New Zealand. She joined the army in 1945 and travelled to Japan with the occupying forces in 1947. She has worked as a midwife in India and in St Helens in Auckland and was matron of Wakefield Hospital for seven years. Miss Hamblin retired in 1971 but has often relieved when required, mainly in the children's wards in Auckland.

Miss Hamblin says that she gained a tremendous amount of satisfaction and enjoyment from her career as a nurse and midwife and with the transfer of nursing education to polytechnics she was aware of the hardship that faced many nurses. Norah Hamblin's desire to help nurses with strong clinical and practical skills resulted in her request that preference should be given to those who had not received other grants and to "clinical ability rather than scholastic". She also instructed that preference be given to applicants working or training in the greater Auckland area although this has become gradually more difficult to uphold.

Application forms for scholarships administered under the Gretta and Harry Hamblin Trust can be found here:

<http://www.nzno.org.nz/services/scholarships/articletype/categoryview/categoryid/36/nerf>