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REPORT BACK for Undergraduate Study Scholarship Ref: H212.02

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Name of Applicant:	Timothy David Ellena
Which scholarship did you apply for:	 Maori student of nursing Pacific student of nursing <u>Mature student of nursing (aged over 30)</u> Student of nursing (aged under 25) Student of enrolled nursing General award
Please write a report on how the scholarship has contributed to nursing and to your own professional development. You can also attach documents to the report.	Not long before I was awarded the scholarship I lost my student allowance due to exceeding the 200 weeks allocated per person in their life-time (I received a bachelor of commerce from Canterbury University). This situation was going to potentially impact on me being unable to complete my nursing degree as I had no money coming in and also trying to provide for a family of five. Receiving the scholarship enabled me to continue my training without the pressure of having to take on extra part-time work, which may in turn have affected my study and grades. The scholarship award also meant I was able to really get involved in my transition to practice placement, doing all the different shift, again without having to worry about taking on extra part-time work to make a living. How has the scholarship contributed to nursing? It has meant another graduate nurse will be entering the workforce, in this case one that is highly motivated to continue training and up- skilling (I plan to commence my Masters of Nursing Science as soon as I am able). It has also allowed me to spend more time with my family which is also very important to me. I would like to thank the selection panel for selecting me to receive this scholarship as it really has made a big difference for my family and I this year. I have included a copy of my academic transcript