

FBA education fund

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In addition to assistance from the FBA Education Fund, members covered under the 2006-2010 *Health Services & Support Facilities Subsector* collective agreement may receive additional funding through B.C.'s Ministry of Advanced Education – **Health Care Bursary** or **Nurses Education Bursary**.

The British Columbia Health Care Bursary – which awards up to \$1 million in scholarship funding each year – was established to train workers in skills shortage areas within the health care system.

Bursaries range from \$500 to \$3,500 and successful applicants are only eligible to receive **one** per year.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

You must meet ALL of the following:

- you have been a permanent B.C. resident for the last 12 months;
- you do not have a current outstanding student loan;
- during the bursary period for which you are applying, you are enrolled in an ELIGIBLE health care program of study – at least four months' long – at a B.C. **public** post-secondary institution, St. Paul's Hospital or the B.C. Cancer Agency, that leads to a certificate, diploma or degree **recognized for practice in B.C.** (see Appendix A for a complete list of eligible programs and institutions), and
- you can demonstrate financial need.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE?

You can download application forms, reference codes, and tips on how to complete the application form from the Ministry of Advanced Education – Student Services Branch, or your union's website.

WHEN ARE THE BURSARY DEADLINES?

- January to April courses – deadline November 15, 4:30 PM
- May to August courses – deadline March 15, 4:30 PM
- September to December – deadline July 15, 4:30 PM

Applications must be sent by deadline to:

**Health Care Bursary
Student Services Branch
P.O. Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9H7**