

CASW/BMS Partner Scholarships for Continuing Professional Development

Scholarships are awarded to assist members of CASW partnership organizations to attend activities that align with the mission and purpose of CASW and uphold the values and principles of the CASW Code of Ethics. Priority will be given to support social work professional development opportunities provided through CASW conferences, BCASW conferences, and other BCASW training events.

1. Applicants must be members of BCASW who are in practice.
2. Priority will be given to BCASW members who can demonstrate that they have limited access to continuing education opportunities within their region or field of practice and who are unable to receive sufficient financial support from their employers. Cost of travel may be included.
3. Priority will be given to BCASW members who are active members of the association. This may be demonstrated by a written statement of involvement.
4. The Awards Committee of BCASW will review applications for funding and will report decisions to the Board. Should a member of the Committee or the Board be an applicant they **must** remove themselves from the selection process prior to any considerations taking place.
5. No single scholarship shall be for an amount higher than \$1000.
6. Members may receive funding no more frequently than once every two years.

Application Process

1. An application form is available through the website or by contacting the BCASW office. All applications must be in an electronic version, submitted to the BCASW office and include:
 - A copy of the brochure or website link for the planned activity.
 - An explanation of the specific value to the applicant for this specific event.
 - A description of need, which addresses any barriers the applicant faces in accessing continuing education.
2. The application should be submitted with sufficient advanced notice to take advantage of any Early Bird rates should the scholarship be granted. Later applications will be considered if the available resources have not been allocated.
3. Governance Policy GP#2c; Board Members' Code of Conduct, Part 3.13 will apply if a member of the Awards Committee applies for a CASW Scholarship.
4. The Awards Committee has the unilateral right to make decisions with regard to scholarship applications.