**CHNC CERTIFICATION Bursary**

**Background**

This bursary was inaugurated in 2004 to recognize Barbara Mildon’s leadership in developing national standards of practice for community health nursing. The standards led to the designation of community health nursing as a specialty by the Canadian Nurses Association and the establishment of a national certification program.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the $500.00 bursary is to provide encouragement and support to an individual(s) pursuing certification and to offset the cost of the initial certification examination. A minimum of one (1) bursary will be made available in each calendar year.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The recipient must be an active member of CHNC at the time of applying for the bursary.

The recipient must have registered with CNA to write the initial certification exam and provide proof of registration and payment dated within 12 months before application.

The recipient must have successfully achieved the CNA's Community Health Nurse Certification designation.

**Application Process**

1. The recipient is required to submit

* The completed signed and dated application form.
* A current CV. or résumé includes the components outlined in the application form.
* One letter of support for your application related to academic, employment, and professional involvement.
* A typewritten statement of purpose.
* Proof of CNA Certification application and payment; Proof of successful certification (if applicable at the time of applying)

2. Applications are blind reviewed by a sub-committee of the Membership Services Committee

3. CHNC will award the successful applicant $500.00 upon receiving proof of certification.

**Timelines for the Bursary**

* The call for applications will be placed on the CHNC website and advertised through listservs, etc. with a **deadline for applications for Spring, May 12th, 2025.**
* The successful applicant will be notified of a tentative consideration (dependent on exam results) by email.
* The bursary funds will be released after successful results are received by the Membership Services Committee.
* The recipient will be profiled in a CHNC Great Big News issue and on the website.