

Katherine McParland Bursary

Please use this application form only for the **\$1,000 Katherine McParland Bursary Award**. Students are encouraged to apply for all awards for which criteria are met but must submit a complete and separate application package for each award.

Katherine McParland was a passionate and respected advocate for youth experiencing homelessness. As a former youth in foster care, Katherine spent her career fighting tirelessly to create youth-specific housing. This award in memory of Katherine assists young adults (18-25) who have experienced housing instability and who are pursuing an education in social work or community services.

*Students must be registered as a full-time (60% course load). Awards will be applied to the upcoming fall semester attended during September of the application year and may not be deferred. Students who do not register or subsequently change to on-leave status will have their award rescinded. **Registration confirmation will be required.***

Personal Information ***all fields must be completed**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Phone: (____) _____ Secondary Phone: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, BC Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD): _____

To be eligible for the Katherine McParland Bursary Award, you must be living in accommodation subsidized by BC Housing at the start of your courses(s). Please provide the name of the housing development in which you live.

Your Housing Development Name: _____

OR, Provider Name (if not BC Housing): _____

OR, Rental Assistance Program (RAP) file number _____

Educational History (attach one copy of your most recent educational transcript)

What course of study or degree are you planning to pursue? _____

At which recognized post-secondary institution? _____

NOTE: Recipients will be required to provide proof of registration by August 30th of the application year in order to receive an award. Acceptance letters are NOT sufficient.

Personal Statement	Supporting Documents
<p>Katherine McParland Bursary applications are evaluated, in part, based on a personal statement provided by the applicant. Please provide a personal statement of no more than 500 words, describing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Personal current goals, achieved goals, challenges, and barriers you have overcome; ➤ Educational goals and how you plan to attain them; ➤ Community / volunteer / work experiences; and ➤ How this award will assist you in achieving economic self-sufficiency. 	<p>The following documentation is required in order to complete your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A copy of all academic transcripts; ➤ A nominator's statement – family members accepted (see reverse); and ➤ Two signed professional letters of reference from an employer, community leader, volunteer supervisor, or teacher, written within the last 12 months, highlighting your achievements, and explaining why you should win the bursary.

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Nominator's Statement (please have this section completed by the person who is nominating you for this award)

Note: Applications without a nominator's statement, transcripts, and two letters of reference will not pass the first screening.

Nominator's Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Nominator's Primary Phone: (____)_____ Secondary Phone: (____)_____

Nominator: Please attach a statement letter telling us about the achievements of the student you are nominating and why you think he/she should receive the Katherine McParland Bursary Award.

Release of Information

BC Housing distributes a news release about successful bursary recipients via various media outlets. If you are interested in sharing information about your success, BC Housing needs your authorization to release basic information to the media.

Agreeing to the release of information is completely voluntary. If you choose not to have your name or other information released, it will not affect your chance of receiving an award. Please review the options below and mark your choice in one of the boxes for each category.

I, _____, **give permission** to BC Housing to release information regarding my award to the media, as follows:
(Signature of applicant)

Please check a response for each of the following:

Yes No I agree to the release of my name, the city I reside in and my chosen educational program.

Yes No I agree to the release of a personal profile prepared for use in a news release or publication.

Yes No I agree to have my telephone number released to local media, on request only, for follow-up stories.

-OR-

I, _____, **do not give permission** to BC Housing to release information regarding my award to the media.
(Signature of applicant)

Application Checklist

A full application package includes:

- Completed application form;
- Personal statement including education goals of **no more** than 500 words;
- Two professional letters of reference; and
- Academic transcripts.

Note: Incomplete application packages will NOT be considered.

Personal Information contained on this form is collected under Section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used only for the purpose of processing your application. If you have questions about BC Housing's use of your information, please contact FIPPA@bchousing.org by email or Director, Business Support Services, 1701-4555 Kingsway, Burnaby V5H 4V8.