

Gail Burak Bursary

Please use this application form only for the **\$500 Gail Burak Bursary**. Students are encouraged to apply for all awards for which criteria are met but must submit a complete and separate application packages for each award.

This award recognizes Gail Burak's key leadership role as the Senior Housing and Health Services Manager, and her pioneering work in developing an integrated model of housing and health services. This award assists those pursuing educational opportunities in a health-related field.

Students must be registered as a full-time student (60% course load). Awards will be applied to the upcoming fall semester attended during September of 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 Students who do not register or subsequently change to on-leave status will have their award rescinded.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. Incomplete application packages will NOT be considered.**

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 Gail Burak Bursary, you must be living in accommodation subsidized by BC Housing at the start of your courses.

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 – unofficial transcripts will be accepted.)

What health related field of study or degree are you planning to pursue? _____

At which recognized post-secondary institution? _____

Which Professional Regulatory Body will you be eligible to register with, once your courses are completed? _____

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

Personal Statement

Award 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:

- 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.

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Supporting Documentation

The following documentation is required in order to complete your application:

- A copy of all academic / unofficial transcripts; and
- Two current and signed professional letters of reference from an employer, community leader, teacher, or volunteer supervisor, highlighting your achievements and explaining why you should win the award.

Release of Information

BC Housing distributes a news release about successful award recipients to local newspapers around the province. 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 / unofficial 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.