

British Columbia Nurses Education Bursary Application Form

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Which bursary period are you applying for? Check only one box.

January to April (deadline 4:30 p.m., Nov. 15)
May to August (deadline 4:30 p.m., March 15)
September to December (deadline 4:30 p.m., July 15)

Eligibility Requirements

You must:

- Be enrolled in an **ELIGIBLE** nursing program of study **in B.C.**, at least four months long that leads to a certificate, diploma or degree **recognized for practice in B.C.** (see Appendix A for a list of eligible institutions); **AND**
- Not be delinquent or in default of a B.C. student loan; AND
- Demonstrate financial need (see the list of frequently asked questions on page 6 for more information).

Section A – Personal Information – Print clearly in ink

01 Last Name	09 Social Insurance Number			
02 First Name and Initial(s)	10 Date of Birth			
ALL MAIL WILL BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS	Year Month Day			
03 Mailing Address	11 Gender			
	Male Female			
04 City/Town 05 Province	12 Status (mark only one box)			
	Single Single Parent			
06 Postal Code 07 Area Code Telephone Numbers	Married Common Law			
	Separated/Divorced/Widowed			
08 Email Address (optional)	13 Number of dependants (children)			
Email Address (epitemal)	Under 18			
	Over 18 and in full-time studies			
ADDRESS CHANGES	14 Citizenship			
To ensure you receive all correspondence, you MUST notify the nurses	Canadian Citizen			
education bursary program directly at AVED.SpecialPrograms4@gov.bc.ca OR by phone (see page 3 for	Landed Immigrant			
telephone numbers, and transfer to the person responsible for the nurses education bursary).	Convention Refugee or a Protected Person as defined in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act			
15 What are your CURRENT nursing credentials? (Mark only one box.) Former Nurse from RN-BC RPN-BC LPN-BC B.C. Nurse Outside B.C. Student A B C D E F If 'E', specify where you are/were registered.				
16 Are you in default of a B.C. student loan? Yes No (If you are in default, you are not eligible for this bursary).				
ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION AND AUG	OIT (review Section D before completing).			

Section B - Study Information - Use Appendix A (page 5) for the codes

Section B – Study into	illiation – Ose Appel	idix A (page c) for the c	oues
Note: If you are attending a private in	stitution in B.C., please check the i	nstitution code with th	e program directo	or.
17 Institution Code 18 Program	n Code 19 Date Classes Star	rt ∗ (see below) 2	20 Date Classes	s End
(see Appendix A) (see Appendix A)	ndix A) Year I	Month Day	Year	Month Day
21 Course Load 22 Student	Number (if known)	23 While you are	in school will	you be living with
Full time Part time		parent(s)/ste	p-parent, spons	sor or legal guardian.
			Yes	No
24 Is this program offered at an institu	ution in your area?			Yes No
25 If no, will you have to move to and Moving from:				Yes No
26 If you have to move, will your fami		rk or go to school?		Yes No
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	lay of classes in the current p during the bursary period yo			a end dates <u>must</u>
For you to be eligible for a bur the start of the bursary period.	rsary, your institution must be a	ble to confirm you a	re enrolled in a	n eligible program before
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Section C – Financial I	<u>nformation – Questic</u>	ons 27 – 31		
Will you be applying for studen	t loans for the bursary period	l you checked on p	page 1?	Yes No
• If "Yes," and you have received	d your notice of assessment, co	omplete only questi	on 27 in this se	ection.
• If "Yes," and you have not rec	eived your notice of assessmer	nt, complete questic	ons 28 – 31 in t	his section.
(Please submit your application www.StudentAidBC.ca.)	for a student loan as soon as p	oossible – you can d	do this online at	
 If "No," complete questions 28 	3 – 31 in this section.			
★If you are receiving student lo	oans from a province other th	an B.C., please su	bmit a copy of	your notice of
assessment from the provinc	e that issued your loan. This	assessment must	t include eligib	ole need (your costs
minus your resources), and y	our actual award amount (se	e the FAQs on pag	je 6 for more ir	iformation).
27 Applicant – Student Lo	ans			
The following information can be foun www.StudentAidBC.ca. You will ne				
From	То			Total Amount Awarded
Year Month	Year Month	Eligible/Assessed	Need (include	ding Canada student loan, B.C. student loan and grant)
		\$		\$
28 INSTRUCTIO	NS ON HOW TO REPORT I	NCOME FOR YO	U AND YOUR	R SPOUSE
IF YOU ARE NOT APPLYING FOR STUDENT LOANS				
In question 28 , list all gross (before tax) income for you and your spouse for the 12-month period ending with the last month of the bursary period for which you are applying. (This helps us calculate any loss of income during the bursary period.)				
*See the frequently asked questions on page 6 for examples and more help on reporting income.				
Include: Income from employment, self-employment, investments, employment insurance, income assistance, child support, alimony, gifts from family/friends, etc.				
Also: Let us know if you are living on a line of credit or family loans. We need to know how you plan to pay for your tuition, living expenses, etc., and that you will not have to withdraw from school due to lack of funds.				
Do not include: Child tax credit or GST.				

Financial Information – (continued) Will you be receiving funding from any other source to take this program? Yes No (i.e., will anyone other than you/your spouse/your parents be paying for your tuition, books and/or living expenses?) If "Yes," then enter the source and amount of funding in question 28. If you are receiving funding from Human Resources and Social Development Canada, employment insurance, or the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, please check with your worker or counsellor **before** applying for this bursary, as they may require you to repay any bursary funding. 28 Applicant – Income (see instructions on page 2 and the FAQs on page 6 for help with this section) Report all income/financial resources here **EXCEPT** student loans for this bursary period. If you have applied for student loans, see question 27. For more help, see the FAQs on page 6. (Include a separate sheet if you need to explain further.) **Source of Income Total Gross** For example, provide name of employer, type of federal or FROM TO **Income for Period** provincial government funding, or indicate self employed, etc. YEAR MONTH YEAR MONTH \$ \$ \$ Total Gross (before tax) Income for 12 months (see instructions page 2) 29 Applicant – Assets (enter "0" if no value) A. What is the total balance in ALL of your bank accounts (chequing and savings)?..... B. What is the total value of your RRSPs? Enter '0' if none..... C. What is the total value of your term deposits, GICs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds etc.? (Do not include RRSPs)..... **Total Assets** 30 Spouse or common-law partner – Income (see instructions on page 2) Source of Income **Total Gross** For example, provide name of employer, type of federal or **FROM** TO Income for Period provincial government funding, or indicate self employed, etc. YEAR MONTH YEAR MONTH \$ \$ Total Gross (before tax) Income for 12 months (see instructions page 2) 31 Spouse or common-law partner – Assets (enter "0" if no value) A. What is the total balance in ALL of your bank accounts (chequing and savings)? B. What is the total value of your RRSPs? Enter '0' if none Month Day If you are entering RRSPs, please provide spouse's date of birth C. What is the total value of your term deposits, GICs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds etc.? (Do not include RRSPs)..... **Total Assets Contact Information Phone** Mailing Address Courier Address Nurses Education Bursary **Nurses Education Bursary** Victoria: StudentAid BC StudentAid BC 250 356-8380 (direct line to nurses education bursary) Ministry of Advanced Education Ministry of Advanced Education Lower Mainland: PO Box 9173 1st Floor 835 Humboldt St 604 660-2610 Victoria BC V8W 9H7 Victoria BC V8V 4W8 Toll-free in Canada/U.S.: 1 800 561-1818 E-mail Address: AVED.SpecialPrograms4@gov.bc.ca

Your application form MUST be received at the above address by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date.

How we distribute the Awards

We award up to \$2 million in bursary funding annually to qualified applicants. Awards are made according to the priorities below, in consultation with the Nursing Directorate.

- 1) First, registered nurses or registered psychiatric nurses taking specialty training or upgrading, or LPNs taking the access to RN program or the RN program.
- 2) Next, nurses taking refresher programs.
- 3) Finally, student nurses in LPN, LPN access, RN or RPN programs.

Within each category, we award the applicants with the highest financial need from \$500 to \$3,500. Due to the extremely high volume of applications, we cannot award all applicants with financial need. Applicants are eligible to receive only one award in a 12-month period.

Section D – Declaration – Read, Sign and Date

I hereby declare that the information I have provided in this application form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete. I acknowledge that this information may be used to determine my eligibility for a needs-based bursary from the British Columbia nurses education bursary program, and to determine whether I must repay any such bursary if I do not complete my program of study.

I - I understand that:

- 1. Making statements that are not true, or that are misleading, may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada. Misleading or untrue statements can result in me having to repay all or part of the bursary awarded to me.
- 2. It is my responsibility to make sure that the information on this application is true and correct.
- 3. If I receive a nurses education bursary and do not complete the eligible nursing program period of study for which the bursary is awarded, i will repay the bursary, with interest, as required by StudentAid BC.
- 4. The nurses education bursary is taxable income and must be reported to the Canada Revenue Agency.
- 5. Priority will be given to those eligible applicants who have not received any other provincially funded bursaries in the last 12 months.
- 6. Eligibility for this program will be governed by nurses education bursary policy criteria.

II - I understand that by signing below it means:

- 1. I have answered all questions on the application that pertain to me.
- 2. I certify that all the information is complete and accurate.
- 3. I meet all of the eligibility requirements for this program, as set out in this application form, including that I am not in default of a B.C. student loan.
- 4. For the purpose of verifying and/or investigating information pertaining to this application and related documents, and for the purpose of determining whether I will be required to repay any bursary I may receive, I consent to the exchange of information between the Ministry of Advanced Education (or person designated by the Ministry) and the following agencies: Canada Revenue Agency, Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development, financial institutions, Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, Crown corporations, city departments, and federal and provincial departments/agencies.

COLLECTION AND USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The information included in this form and authorized above is collected under the authority of StudentAid BC. The information will be used to determine eligibility for a benefit under the nurses education bursary. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact: Administrator, Special Programs, StudentAid BC, Ministry of Advanced Education, PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9H7. Telephone: 250 387-6100, 604 660-2610 (in B.C. Lower Mainland), or 1 800 561-1818 (toll-free in Canada/U.S.). TTY line for the deaf or hearing impaired: 250 952-6832.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (in ink)	PRINT NAME	DATE SIGNED
		YEAR MONTH DAY

Section E - Canada Revenue Agency Consent Form - Read, Sign and Date

For the purpose of verifying the data provided in this application for a nurses education bursary, I hereby consent to the release, by the Canada Revenue Agency, to the Ministry of Advanced Education (or a person delegated by the ministry), of taxpayer information from any portion of my 2006, 2007 and 2008 income tax returns that pertains to information given by me on this application. The information will be used solely for the purpose of verifying information on **this** application form and for the general administration and enforcement of the nurses education bursary program.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (in ink)	PRINT NAME	DATE SIGNED
		YEAR MONTH DAY

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1.	Do you meet the eligibility requirements? See page 1	
2.	Have you answered all questions? If not, your application will not be processed	
3.	Have you indicated which bursary period you are applying for on the front page?	
4.	Are your social insurance number and date of birth correct?	
5.	Are your school and program codes correct? (Section B)	
6.	Have you read, signed and dated the Declaration (Section D) in ink?	$\overline{\Box}$
7.	Have you read, signed and dated the Canada Revenue Agency consent form (Section E) in ink?	

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APPENDIX A: REFERENCE CODES

These are the programs and schools eligible for the nurses education bursary program. Please enter the code(s) that apply to you on page 2 of the application form.

Any changes that occur to the institution or program codes after this form is printed will be reflected on our website at www.StudentAidBC.ca.

Programs Eligible for the Nurses Education Bursary

Institutions with programs eligible under this bursary

If you are attending a private institution (i.e., Sprott-Shaw Community College), please check eligibility and the institution code for your campus with the program director.

APCQ	B.C.Cancer Agency	AJAL	Northwest Community College
AVAA	B.C.Institute of Technology	AJBF	Okanagan College
AJAA	Camosun College	ANAE	St. Paul's Hospital
AJAB	Capilano College	AJAP	Selkirk College – Castlegar
AJAJ	College of New Caledonia (Prince George)	AUAP	Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops)
AJAF	College of the Rockies	AUAP	Thompson Rivers University (Williams Lake)
AJAE	Douglas College	AVAR	Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning
AKFE	International School of Nursing	APAK	Trinity Western University
AJAV	Kwantlen University College	AJAD	University College of the Fraser Valley
AJAM	Langara College	AUAA	University of British Columbia – Vancouver
AJAG	Malaspina University-College	AUAA-O	University of British Columbia – Okanagan
AJAX	North Island College - Courtenay	AUAG	University of Northern B.C.
AJAW	North Island College – Port Alberni	AUAF	University of Victoria
AJAK	Northern Lights College	AVAD	Vancouver Community College – City Centre

Frequently Asked Questions - Nurses Education Bursary

- Q. How do I find out the status of my application online? I don't have the application number.
- A. You can't check the status of your bursary online. The application number only applies to student loan applications. These bursaries are not processed individually, or first-come, first-served. All eligible applications received by the deadline are rated in order of financial need. The processing takes about six weeks after the deadline. You will be notified of the results by mail around the first week of the bursary period.
- Q. I need to submit my application by the deadline date, but I don't have my student loan notice of assessment yet. Should I wait for the notice of assessment?
- A. No, applications received after the deadline date will not be processed. Question 27 asks if you will be applying for student loans check the 'Yes' box, and write 'Pending' underneath. We can verify the student loan information (as long as it's from B.C.) when it's processed. Submit your student loan application before the bursary deadline date so that we will have enough information to determine your financial need.
- Q. I don't have a student loan from B.C. What information do I need to provide about my out-of-province student loan?
- A. Ensure that all the following information is included on the notice of assessment from the province that issued the loan. If the notice of assessment does not include the following, please ask the student loan department to give you this information:
 - Assessed need your costs (living costs, childcare, tuition, books, etc.)
 - Resources your contribution (pre-study and study period earnings, assets, etc.)
 - Eligible need usually your costs minus your resources
 - Award amount the amount of money you will receive
 - Study period the number of weeks for which you have been awarded a loan.
- Q. I'm not yet accepted in the program I've listed on my application form, and won't get an answer from the school until after the deadline. What should I do?
- **A.** Submit your application for the bursary by the deadline date. We do a final enrolment check to ensure that applicants are enrolled in an eligible program. Phone and let us know if you need to withdraw your application.
- Q. I'm taking an eligible program in an out-of-province school. Can I still apply?
- A. No. As this is a provincial bursary, we are only able to award students who are attending a B.C. post-secondary school that leads to a certificate, diploma or degree **recognized for practice in B.C.**, and who meet all the eligibility criteria listed on page 1.
- Q. How do I enter my study period dates? Do I enter them for the whole program or just for the bursary period?
- A. The purpose of this question is to verify that you will be in school during the bursary period you're applying for. You should write the study start and end dates that show you are in school in the bursary period.
- Q. I only just heard about the program, but the deadline has passed. Can I still apply?
- A. No. Due to the high volume of applications, we can't accept any applications after the deadline date.
- Q. I received a bursary for May-August 2007. Can I apply for another bursary for the January-April 2008 bursary period?
- A. No, you won't be eligible again until May-August 2008. Applicants can receive only one award in a 12- month period.
- **Q.** What dates should I use to report my income?
- A. Your income should be reported for 12 months **up to and including the bursary period**. We want to take into account any income loss if you give up your job to attend school. Estimate any income not yet received.

For example:

Bursary period: September to December 07 January to April 08 May to August 08 Report all income from: January to December 07 May 07 to April 08 September 07 to August 08

- Q. If I am not on student loans, how much financial information do I need to provide?
- A. If you are not applying for student loans, we need to know how you will pay for rent, food, transportation, tuition, books etc. If you don't fully disclose your income, we will not have enough information to process your application and determine your financial need. Let us know if you have a line of credit, parental support, etc. Include a separate sheet with your application if you need to explain further.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION AND AUDIT (review Section D before completing).
WE WILL NOT PROCESS APPLICATIONS THAT ARE FAXED, E-MAILED, INCOMPLETE OR LATE.