

# Ottawa-Carleton Pharmacists' Association Student Bursaries



**TWO OPEN BURSARIES ARE AVAILABLE TO DESERVING STUDENTS. EACH BURSARY IS VALUED AT \$1000.**

## **Award criteria are as follows:**

1. The applicant must be currently enrolled in a clinical pharmacy program at a Faculty of Pharmacy (e.g., B.Sc.Pharm, PharmD) at a Canadian university, and must have completed at least one year.
2. The applicant must have some experience working in a pharmacy environment (community, hospital, industry, etc.)
3. The applicant must have a preceptor who is a member in good standing of the Ottawa-Carleton Pharmacists' Association.

## **Bursaries can be awarded to two deserving applicants using the following set of priorities:**

1. If there are no applicants or no suitable applicants from one (or more) year of study, the Bursary Committee may award bursaries to more than one deserving student from another year of study.
2. If there are no applicants or no suitable applicants, the Bursary Committee may exercise the option not to award a bursary.

## **Application Format:**

Interested applicants are responsible for ensuring all application criteria are met within the allotted time frame. Applicants wishing to be considered for an Association bursary are required to provide the following:

1. Scholastic records or transcripts of marks for a minimum of two years representing the most recent years of study completed (from a high school, college or university).
2. A letter from the applicant describing him or herself, his or her professional and personal plans/goals, personal interests/activities, aspirations and achievements. This letter should be no longer than 500 words. A resumé will not be accepted in place of this letter.
3. A letter of support from the applicant's preceptor describing the work experience of the applicant, the qualifications and characteristics of the applicant, and why the preceptor feels the applicant is worthy for consideration as a bursary recipient. This letter should be no longer than 250 words.
4. A permanent address or school address to where the bursary cheque can be mailed.

Please submit all the above required information in a single email to Cameron Forbes at [awards@ocpha.com](mailto:awards@ocpha.com) with **your name** and **“Bursary application”** included in the subject field.

All applications must be received by the chairperson **no later than Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011** to be considered for an award. Applications received after this date will be ineligible. Sending applications earlier than the deadline day is encouraged.

If there are no applicants or no suitable applicants, the Bursary Committee may exercise the option not to award a bursary.

For more information, please contact Cameron Forbes at [awards@ocpha.com](mailto:awards@ocpha.com).

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q:** Do I need to have my school print me an official transcript?

**A:** No, a screenshot or PDF of your transcript will be fine. We recommend using something like Google Chrome's Save to PDF feature (available from the Print menu.)

**Q:** Who can be considered to be my "preceptor"? What does "in good standing of the Ottawa-Carleton Pharmacists' Association" mean?

**A:** Any pharmacist you currently are working with *or have worked with in the past* is eligible to write your letter of reference. It does not need to be a preceptor on your current rotation (if you happen to be on one). "In good standing" just means they are already an active member of the OCPHA at the time of application.

**Q:** The application says you have to have completed at least one year of a pharmacy program before applying. I'm currently in my first year of a pharmacy program, can I apply?

**A:** No. We require final grades from the first year of a clinical pharmacy program.