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Education fund available for HSA members in HSPBA agreement

(This information applies to HSA members of the Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association.)

In January of 2008 the Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association successfully negotiated an agreement to resolve issues flowing from the Supreme Court of Canada decision that certain sections of Bill 29 were unconstitutional. HSA made professional development for our members a priority. As a result, the final agreement included a fund for professional development education for all HSPBA members.

HSA is now accepting applications for funding for professional development education.

Professional development that could be considered for funding includes:

- upgrading (e.g. diploma to baccalaureate, baccalaureate to masters)
- changing from a current area of practice to a different specialty
- specialty training
- training in a different health science discipline
- upgrading language or writing skills
- upgrading computer skills
- professional development education conferences
- leadership/management courses relevant to a particular discipline
- courses designed to enhance personal/professional skills within an area of practice

If training you are planning to take is not specified on this list, you are still encouraged to apply. HSA's objective is to support your professional development.

We will consider courses commencing on or after February 1, 2008.

HSA wants to see as many members benefit from this opportunity as possible. That means that the priority will be to provide bursaries that cover all or part of tuition, program fees, and educational materials. The bursaries will not cover wage replacement.

The deadlines for application are March 15, 2009, July 15, 2009, November 15, 2009, and March 15, 2010. Please fill out and submit the attached application form prior to the application date closest to the start date of your program.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Link at email: slink@hsabc.org, or by phone at 604.439.0994 (Lower Mainland) / 1.800.663.2017 (toll free in BC).



Health Sciences Association
The union of caring professionals

In January of 2008, the Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association successfully negotiated an agreement to resolve issues flowing from the Supreme Court of Canada decision that certain sections of Bill 29 were unconstitutional. HSA made professional development for our members a priority in those settlement discussions. As a result, the final agreement included a fund for professional development education for all HSPBA members.

Most professional development programs will be eligible. For example:

- upgrading (eg diploma to baccalaureate, baccalaureate to masters)
- changes from current area of practice to a different specialty
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If training you are planning to take is not specified on this list, you are still encouraged to apply.

This educational fund is only available to HSA members covered by the health science professionals bargaining association. The fund does not apply to wage replacement, but other expenses (books, etc) will be considered.

HSPBA BILL 29 EDUCATION FUND – for HSA members

APPLICATION DEADLINES: March 15, 2009 Select the application deadline date closest to the start date of your course/program.
 July 15, 2009
 November 15, 2009 **Courses will only be considered if**
 March 15, 2010 **they commence after Feb. 1, 2008.**

If you require more space, attach a separate sheet.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Worksite: _____

Are you an HSA member? yes / no Are you a member of other union(s)? If so, which? _____

Job title / discipline: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Work tel: _____ Home tel: _____ E-mail: _____

COURSE / PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Course / program: _____

Educational institute / program sponsor: _____

Course / program start date: _____

Course / program completion date: _____

(Attach a course / program outline and/or a brochure or calendar describing courses, times, credits etc.)

Estimated costs:

Tuition: _____ Books: _____ Course fees: _____

(Successful applicants will be required to submit proof of enrolment/registration and payment of expenses prior to receiving funding.)



Describe why you are applying for funding. What are your career goals? How would your education contribute to your professional practice and/or career advancement? (200 words max)

OTHER FUNDING:

Have you requested funding or time off from your employer for this program of studies? If not, why? If denied funding, indicate why. You are expected to seek funding available under the collective agreement prior to receiving funding from the HSPBA Bill 29 education fund.

If you received or anticipate receiving any funding from any other source (eg employment, government, association, or other bursary) provide details:

I confirm that all of the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fax, e-mail or regular mail your completed application form to HSA's office:

Mail: Sharon Link

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300 – 5118 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1

E-mail: slink@hsabc.org

Fax: 604.439.0976 (Lower Mainland) or
1.800.663.6119 (toll free in BC)

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Priority will be given to educational programs that will improve employment security or future employment opportunities. How does your application meet these criteria?