

Catholic Health Association of BC Bursary for Graduating Students

The board of directors of the *Catholic Health Association of BC* is pleased to announce that it will grant two bursaries in 2018 – each in the amount of \$250 – to graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled.

Interested students are invited to submit a 500-word essay to the Association by March 9, 2018, that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**.

While in some places in our province, public health care facilities have reduced or eliminated funding for spiritual and pastoral care to patients and residents, the provision of this service is recognized in our Catholic, and other faith-based, care facilities as a core service. There is a recognition that care and attentiveness to spiritual health is an integral part of holistic care. In your essay, please explain why you believe that care for the spirit is just as significant as care for the body and why spiritual care is particularly important in tending to the sick and dying, to their families, and to those who care for them.

Please keep in mind that we are asking you to write about the importance of SPIRITUALITY IN HEALTHCARE, not about individual religious practices or specific religious beliefs.

Essays may be sent by regular mail to the address below or via email to info@chabc.bc.ca. Each applicant is asked to include a return address as well as information about the school he or she attends and the date and place of his or her graduation ceremony. We require all of this information before submissions will be considered.

Emailed submissions **must** be sent prior to midnight on the 9th of March, 2018. If submitted by regular mail, they must be date-stamped on or before the 9th.

A committee of the CHABC board of directors will evaluate all submissions that are received by the specified due date and announce the recipients of the bursaries before April 29, 2018.



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