

## How To Apply

Application forms for the BC Housing Bursary, BC Housing Award for Full-Time Studies, Margaret Mitchell Award, Minerva Foundation Award and Gail Burak Bursary can be downloaded at:

[www.bchousing.org/tenants/services/educationawards](http://www.bchousing.org/tenants/services/educationawards)

Students are encouraged to apply for all awards for which they meet the eligibility criteria.

Complete the appropriate application forms and attach all required documentation for *each* individual submission.

Incomplete application packages will NOT be considered. Please make sure your application is complete.

## Application Checklist

A complete application package for each award must include:

- **Completed application form.**
- **Personal statement, no more than 500 words, including educational and personal goals, community involvement and challenges you have overcome.**
- **Two letters of reference from an employer, community leader, volunteer supervisor, or teacher.**
- **Academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts accepted).**
- **Nominator's statement (for Margaret Mitchell Award applicants only).**

## Important Dates

**April 30  
by 2 pm**

Deadline  
to submit  
applications

**July 31**

Notification  
letters  
mailed

**August 30**

Deadline to  
confirm course(s)  
registration

*Note that only students who will be enrolled in courses in September of the application year are eligible for BC Housing awards and bursaries.*

## BC HOUSING EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM

**Complete application packages** for each award may be faxed, dropped off, or mailed to the address below or to any of the regional offices:

510-369 Terminal Avenue

Vancouver, B.C. V6A 4C4

Tel: (604) 454-5432

Fax: (604) 609-7031

Outside the Lower Mainland: 1-866-465-6873

### Vancouver Island Region Office

301-3440 Douglas Street

Victoria, B.C. V8Z 3L5

Fax: (250) 475-7551

### Interior Region Office

290 Nanaimo Avenue West

Penticton, B.C. V2A 1N5

Fax: (250) 492-1080

### Northern Region Office

1380 2nd Avenue

Prince George, B.C. V2L 3B5

Fax: (250) 562-6488

### For all enquiries:

[educationawards@bchousing.org](mailto:educationawards@bchousing.org)

**For the most up to date program information and eligibility criteria, please visit:**

<http://www.bchousing.org/tenants/services/educationawards/FAQ>

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The Education Awards Program helps individuals living in subsidized housing pursue their educational goals and make positive changes for themselves and their families.

BC Housing offers awards and bursaries to adults and youth.

## BC Housing Bursary

**To be eligible for a \$750 BC Housing Bursary, you must be:**

- ▶ Between the ages of 17 and 64 and living in housing subsidized by BC Housing at the start of courses.
- ▶ Registered at a recognized B.C. post secondary or vocational institution in a full time (60 percent course load) or part-time (two classes per term) basis in September of the application year.
- ▶ Not receiving government income assistance.
- ▶ Applicants on disability assistance can apply for this bursary.

Applications are available for download at  
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## BC Housing Award for Full-Time Studies

**To be eligible for a \$1,000 BC Housing Award, you must be:**

- ▶ Between the ages of 17 and 64 and living in accommodation subsidized by BC Housing at the start of courses.
- ▶ Registered at a recognized B.C. post-secondary or vocational institution on a full-time (60 percent course load) basis in September of the application year.
- ▶ Not receiving government income assistance.

## Minerva Foundation Award

This award assists Aboriginal women in pursuing post-secondary education, including:

- single mothers
- women with children fleeing abusive relationships
- mature women pursuing education after a long absence
- women in non-traditional fields of study
- women with disabilities

**To be eligible for the \$1,000 award, you must be:**

- ▶ An Aboriginal woman between the ages of 17 and 64 and living in housing subsidized by BC Housing at the start of courses.
- ▶ Registered at a recognized B.C. post-secondary institution in September of the application year.
- ▶ Registered as a full-time student (60 percent course load).
- ▶ Not receiving government income assistance.

*Awards will be granted on the basis of academic achievement and financial need.*

## Margaret Mitchell Outstanding Achievement Award

Margaret Mitchell was a dedicated housing advocate and played a key role in the development of the BC Housing Education Awards Program. This award in her memory recognizes excellence in academics, sports, the arts or community involvement.

**To be eligible for the \$1,000 award, you must be:**

- ▶ A youth graduating from Grade 12 with a record of achievement in academics, sports, the arts or community involvement.
- ▶ Nominated by a fellow student, teacher, community leader or neighbour.
- ▶ Living in housing subsidized by BC Housing at the start of courses.
- ▶ Registered in post-secondary education or vocational training at a recognized B.C. post-secondary institution in September of the application year.
- ▶ Registered as a full-time student (60 percent course load).
- ▶ Not receiving government income assistance.

## Gail Burak Bursary

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.

**To be eligible for the \$500 bursary, you must be:**

- ▶ Between the ages of 17 and 64 and living in housing subsidized by BC Housing at the start of courses.
- ▶ Registered at a recognized BC post-secondary or vocational institution in a health related field on a full-time (60 percent course load) or part-time (two classes per term) basis in September of the application year.
- ▶ On completion of the program the recipient must be eligible to register with a professional regulatory body i.e. Social Work, Nursing, Vocational Rehabilitation, etc.
- ▶ Not receiving government income assistance.