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**2016 VGH  
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Foundation  
Nursing  
Awards**

## ***The Sharon Stapleton Memorial Leadership Education Fund***

**<< Application deadline – September 23, 2016 >>**

# About the Sharon Stapleton Memorial Leadership Education Fund

Throughout her 10 years at VGH, UBCH and Lower Mainland Labs (PHSA), Sharon was always a strong believer in the importance of education. In 2009, she completed her Masters from Royal Roads University (Master of Arts in Leadership with specialization in Health) while maintaining her full time role at the hospital. She believed that fostering leadership in others was integral to the future success of the health care system. To that end, it was her wish that other high potential health professionals, who would not otherwise have the financial resources to do so, would be able to benefit from the opportunity to receive leadership training. The Sharon Stapleton Memorial Leadership Education Fund has been established in order to continue her legacy of inspiring others to learn and grow.

A bursary of up to \$5,000 will be granted annually. This amount shall be disbursed to a single recipient upon submission of receipts confirming payment of tuition. The Bursary will be awarded by the selection committee to a deserving candidate showing high leadership potential and who has demonstrated the ability to accommodate accelerated growth through the organization..

## Who is eligible for the Sharon Stapleton Memorial Leadership Education Fund?

Nursing or Allied Health Care professionals within Vancouver Acute showing high leadership potential for accelerated growth through the organization. Candidates will typically be nominated by their supervisor or a member of the senior management team, although candidates are not prohibited from self-selecting. All applications, however, must be sponsored by the candidate's current immediate supervisor.

### Expectations

1. Eligible candidates must be nursing or allied health care professionals within Vancouver Acute.
2. The monetary award will be used for tuition reimbursement for formal leadership-focused courses through recognized educational institutions, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
3. The Award may be granted for either one or two years to the same recipient (two years of funding may be awarded at once). The same recipient may receive the award two years consecutively. The recipient may apply for and receive other bursaries.
4. Applications should include the candidate's career objectives and outline any special interests in or initiatives they may propose for improvements to the health care function. The need for financial assistance must be clearly articulated.
5. The Award will be presented to the successful recipient at a special awards ceremony on Friday, November 18, 2016. The recipient **must be able to attend** the awards ceremony in order to receive this award.

## Application Process

- a. Obtain consent of the person you wish to nominate (And a letter from them, outlining their career aspirations).
- b. Complete the nomination form (attached)
- c. Identify at least five persons in the organization who support the nomination and have them sign the nomination form.
- d. Obtain two letters supporting the nomination and include them with the nomination form. Letters should reflect why the nominator feels the candidate has high potential.
- e. All nominees will receive a letter acknowledging their nomination.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 23, 2016**

### **REMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:**

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