

Vancouver Island Kidney Patients' Association (VIKPA)

Gordon Duthie Bursary Fund

Information For Applicants

Who was Gordon Duthie?

The Gordon Duthie Bursary was first awarded in 1997. It was seeded by a generous bequest from the estate of Gordon James Duthie (December 4, 1953 – May 8, 1995), a Victoria renal patient who died at the young age of forty-one. Gordon was an active member of the renal community on Vancouver Island for many years and of VIKPA, in particular. He is remembered as a quiet young man. Gordon was survived by his parents, Jim and Eileen, and by two sisters. A bench dedicated to Gordon's memory is located on Dallas Road, near Clover Point.

The Gordon Duthie Bursary Fund is administered separately from other monies which VIKPA receives.

Purpose of Bursary

To assist a Vancouver Island kidney patient who is a VIKPA member in good standing, their spouse, or their child or grandchild, to attend an accredited post-secondary institution in British Columbia in order to improve their employment skills or qualifications.

Eligibility

New Guidelines adopted October 15, 2009.

In order to qualify to receive a bursary certain criteria must be met:

- 1.** If Kidney patient has deceased within one year of application, then application of their spouse, child or grandchild may be considered. If applicant is accepted, then recipient will be able to reapply each year until completion of original program as long as no breaks in education.
- 2.** The patient and the applicant (if other than the patient) must both be permanent residents of Canada.
- 3.** The applicant must be registered at an accredited (public or private) post-secondary institution in Canada. Private institutions must be accredited with the Private Post-Secondary Education Commission (PPSEC). To check if an institution is accredited go to the PPSEC website at ppsec.bc.ca. If registered in Canada outside of British Columbia, applicant must provide proof of accreditation with application.
- 4.** Applicants who have previously received a Gordon Duthie Bursary must provide either a transcript of marks or a certificate of completion for courses or programs taken for the most recent year in which a bursary was awarded.
- 5.** Both the applicant and the patient (if different) must sign the application form, unless kidney patient is deceased.

Bursary Deadline

Completed applications should be submitted to:

VIKPA Gordon Duthie Bursary Fund

Box 5145, Station B

Victoria, BC V8R 6N4

Completed applications along with all supporting documents must be received by VIKPA on or before June 30.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Amount of Bursary

- A maximum of \$1000 per person per year will be awarded.
- A maximum of \$5000 in total will be awarded per year.
- The bursary committee may consider other criteria when determining the amount of the bursary to be awarded such as (but not limited to) course load, financial need, number of qualified applicants, etc.
- The actual amount of each bursary will be determined by the VIKPA bursary committee.
- All awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Award Protocol

- Each applicant will receive written notification regarding the status of their application, usually by the end of July.
- The successful applicant must submit confirmation of registration and fees (tuition) paid, along with their social insurance number (SIN), to VIKPA by November 30.
- A cheque will not be issued until the above verification has been received.
- Providing verification has been received, cheques are usually issued in late October.
- Bursary recipients are required to report bursary income on their income tax. A T4A will be issued. Recipients may also be required to report bursary income to other offices or agencies (for example, if receiving a student loan). It is the recipient's responsibility to do so.

Questions?

If you have any questions please contact VIKPA at (250) 595-3650 or by email at info@vikpa.org.