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The Cumberland Health Care Careers Bursary Program is a partnership between Nova Scotia Health and the five Foundations that support health care in Cumberland County. It offers bursaries to Cumberland County students who agree to return to this area after graduation to work at one of the local facilities operated by Nova Scotia Health.

In addition to significant financial support and a full-time position in health care after graduation, the program also offers the opportunity to:

**PARTICIPATE IN A JOB SHADOW EXPERIENCE WITH AN EXPERIENCED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL**

**PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE WHEN POSSIBLE**

**BUILD SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS**

**WORK RIGHT HERE IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY UPON GRADUATION**

#### CONTACT US

If you can commit to the above and are able to meet the criteria for participation, we would love to hear from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation at 902-667-5400 ext. 6210. The application form may also be found online at [chcfoundation.com/apply/bursary](http://chcfoundation.com/apply/bursary) and [nshealth.ca/bursaries-and-scholarships](http://nshealth.ca/bursaries-and-scholarships).

#### OUR PARTNERS

The Cumberland Health Care Careers Bursary Program is supported by Nova Scotia Health, the All Saints Community Health Care Foundation, Bayview Communities Health Foundation, Cumberland Health Care Foundation, North Cumberland Community Health Foundation and the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation.



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Located in the lobby of the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER WITH

**\$5,000**  
PER YEAR

If you're a Cumberland County resident enrolled in a health care program at a university or college, you can apply for the \$5,000 per year Cumberland Health Care Careers Bursary.

There is an identified need for RNs, Social Workers, Physiotherapists, and Occupational Therapists so while applications are considered for all professions, priority may be given to applicants in these areas of study.

**Deadline to apply is May 2, 2025**



# Cumberland Health Care CAREERS BURSARY PROGRAM

Congratulations on choosing to pursue a career in health care! Now that you have made this important decision, we are pleased to share information on an opportunity for you to receive financial assistance for your education and receive support with your transition from post-secondary education into your new workplace.

## THE PROGRAM

Under the terms and conditions of the program, which is open only to Cumberland County students, successful applicants will receive a bursary of \$5,000 per year to support their health care career studies. Students sign a contract with the health authority for “return for service” equal to the number of years for which they receive a bursary. Upon graduation you will be placed, at the discretion of Nova Scotia Health, in a position where there is the greatest need for staff with your type of training. You’ll be starting your career in a place where you can practice your skills, meet new

colleagues, learn from seasoned professionals, and help people from your own community. You could work in health care facilities in Advocate Harbour, Amherst, Parrsboro, Pugwash or Springhill.

In order to be considered for a bursary, we ask you to complete the enclosed application form and submit it along with the required supporting documents.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## BURSARY WINNERS

Bursary winners will be required to sign a return-of-service contract with Nova Scotia Health equal to the number of years for which they receive a bursary. This means that if you receive a bursary for four years of study then you will be expected to work for the Nova Scotia Health, in Cumberland County, for four years following graduation. If you cannot fulfill the agreement you will return the bursary that was awarded to you.

The bursary will be issued for each year of your studies, you do not need to reapply annually.

During your academic program you will be invited to meet with Nova Scotia Health staff who work in your area of study. You will be encouraged to build relationships, and perhaps job shadow, when possible.

Following graduation students will be placed, at the discretion of Nova Scotia Health, where there is the greatest need for staff with their type of training. Placements could be at any of our Cumberland County facilities located in Advocate Harbour, Amherst, Parrsboro, Pugwash or Springhill.

Students can also participate in summer work experience when possible. Bursary payments will be issued to students in time for academic deadlines.

# Step-by-Step HOW TO APPLY

If you’re a Cumberland County resident enrolled in a health care program at a university or college, you can apply for the \$5,000 per year Cumberland Health Care Careers Bursary. We welcome you to inform us if you require any help or accommodations in order to participate fully in our application process.

## BURSARY CRITERIA

You must be a student from Cumberland County, NS. Eligibility will be based on:

- Projected need for your area of study within Nova Scotia Health, Cumberland.
- Proof of acceptance into your program of study.
- Your official academic transcripts.
- A resume detailing your academic and community involvements.
- Your submission of a 750-word essay on why you chose this career path and how you believe your selection to receive a bursary would benefit Nova Scotia Health, and the community, following your graduation.
- Three letters of reference in support of your participation in the program.

## APPLICATION STEPS

1. Complete the application form and check the application for details on all required supporting documents.
2. Send in your completed application and supporting documents

### Mail to:

Cumberland Health Care Careers Bursary  
c/o Cumberland Health Care Foundation  
19428 Highway 2  
Amherst, NS B4H 1N6

### In-person:

Drop-off your application package at the Cumberland Health Care Foundation Office at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre

### Email:

Email PDF and/or Word documents to  
info@chcfoundation.com

## DEADLINE

**The deadline for bursary applications is May 2, 2025 (mailed applications must be postmarked no later than May 2, 2025). Late applications will not be considered.**

## CHECKLIST

Make sure you provide:

- The completed application form with full contact information
- Your essay with your name on it
- Confirmation of enrollment in university or college (tuition receipt or letter from Registrar’s Office or an instructor)
- Your academic transcripts
- Three letters of reference

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## HOW LONG IT TAKES

It should take two weeks after the application deadline to find out if you have been selected for an interview. It can take longer if there’s a large number of applications (not all applicants will be shortlisted).

Selected applicants will be interviewed by a panel of health care representatives (interviews last approximately 45 minutes each). The interview is important; it helps to prepare yourself ahead of time.

Successful bursary candidates will be notified within two weeks following their interview.

Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply the following year.

## COST

There is no cost to apply for the bursary.

