



LAURA CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Award

The Laura Crawford Scholarship Award was established in 2008 to honour the late Laura Crawford. Laura championed seniors housing professionals to be their best and pioneered the person-centred approach long before it was a trending buzzword. For almost 20 years, Laura shared her progressive knowledge, wisdom and grit which inspired everyone to take a fresh look at what they do for individuals while maintaining a home environment. She advocated for the resident and encouraged her students to be leaders and agents of change in both their professional and personal lives. Laura's nursing career gave her the background to understand the physiological and psychological changes that occur in our later years, but it was her personal "no nonsense" philosophies that guided students to see seniors as adults and not dependents. In her words, *"there was to be no more motherhood and apple pie"*; meaning that even though the resident may need more support; you cannot take away the integrity, dignity and the functional abilities that they have. Residents should be enabled, not disabled.

The Laura Crawford Scholarship Award of \$1000 is granted to one applicant every year registered in or attending the Site Manager or the Activity Coordinator Program and is to be used within one calendar year of the award. This Scholarship Award is intended to support ongoing growth and learning offsetting a portion of the cost of ASCHA/RDP Certificate Program courses offered at Red Deer Polytechnic.

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- work for an ASCHA Regular Member organization
- be committed to completing one of the Certificate Programs
- have been employed in seniors housing for a minimum of one year
- have been a resident of Alberta for one year

The selection criteria will be based on:

- evidence of professionalism through passion, warmth, commitment, and a positive, supportive attitude
- ability to demonstrate a person-centred approach
- ability to lead and energize staff to encourage a creative environment
- demonstrate the philosophy of formal and informal lifelong learning
- illustrate pride in working in Seniors Housing

Complete this [Application Form](#)

- You will be required to enclose a reference letter from each of the following groups:
 - Senior Management/Leadership
 - Colleague or resident

Applications deadline is January 31st

Applications will be reviewed by the ASCHA Scholarship Selection Committee. The shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview by the committee.

The Laura Crawford Scholarship Award recipient will be announced at the ASCHA Convention & Tradeshow. The Scholarship Award recipient will be notified in advance to ensure they attend the Ceremony.

For questions, [contact ASCHA](#).



"Person-Centred Housing" is the philosophy of honouring the individual's needs, desires, and choices to maintain and enjoy a wholesome, vibrant lifestyle in a congregate living setting.

