



LAURA CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Award

Established in 2008, the Laura Crawford Scholarship Award honours the legacy of the late Laura Crawford—a trailblazer in seniors housing who championed professionalism, person-centred care, and lifelong learning. Laura was a passionate advocate for empowering seniors and for inspiring housing professionals to lead with compassion, integrity, and innovation.

For nearly two decades, Laura shared her progressive knowledge, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to excellence. She encouraged others to reimagine how they support individuals in housing environments and give them a true sense of home. Her “no-nonsense” philosophy truly shaped her students’ perspectives. She saw residents as adults with dignity and capabilities—not dependents. To quote Laura, “there was to be no more motherhood and apple pie,” meaning support should never come at the cost of independence or respect.

Laura’s legacy lives on through this annual scholarship, which awards **\$1,000** to one applicant enrolled in/attending one of the following ASCHA/RDP Certificate Programs:

- Site Manager Program
- Activity Coordinator Program
- Community Housing Manager Program

This award supports professional growth and learning for excellence in seniors and community housing.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Currently employed by an organization with an ASCHA Regular Membership
- Committed to completing an ASCHA/RDP Certificate Program
- At least 1 year of experience working in seniors or community housing
- A resident of Alberta for a minimum of 1 year

Selection Criteria Includes:

- Professional qualities: passion, warmth, dedication, and a consistently positive, supportive attitude
- A person-centred approach in all aspects of care and service
- Leads and inspires staff, fostering a creative and collaborative work environment, with pride and purpose in contributing to the housing sector
- Commitment to the philosophy of lifelong learning, both formally and informally

Deadline & Notification

- Applications will be reviewed by the **ASCHA Scholarship Selection Committee**, and shortlisted applicants may be invited for an **interview**
- The recipient will be notified in advance and will be presented with their award at the **ASCHA Home for Housing Convention & Trade Show**

Application deadline is January 31.

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