



BC ASSOCIATION of
SOCIAL WORKERS

THE VOICE OF SOCIAL WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**So many reasons for students to join BCASW!
Here are just a few!**

Support your profession and gain support as a professional through BCASW.	Join with thousands of social workers across British Columbia to form one collective voice.	Be affiliated to three Social Work organizations, provincial, national and international (CASW and IFSW).	Access “Members Only” information and resources on BCASW and CASW websites.	Obtain a student membership at a substantially reduced fee along with discounted membership fees for two years following your graduation.
Submit your research for consideration to be published in <i>Perspectives</i> .	Benefit from advocacy with government and stakeholders on behalf of the interests and concerns of the profession.	Save money with discounts on car rentals, travel, new car purchases, skiing, fitness and entertainment offered through our affinity programs.	Participate in local BCASW Branch activities across the province.	Receive regular ebulletins from the Provincial Office and your local Branch updating you on timely information relevant to the profession.
Develop your leadership skills and utilize leadership opportunities at the local, provincial and national levels.	Affirm your commitment to the Social Work profession’s Code of Ethics.	Demonstrate your affiliation with the broader professional community by including your BCASW membership on your résumé.	Stay updated on current events with CASW’s Media Monitoring Service.	Obtain guidance and direction when you contact the BCASW provincial office for a consultation.
Participate in accessible and affordable continuing professional development opportunities.	The BCASW student prize is awarded annually to a BSW student in each School of Social Work in BC.	Obtain promotional materials (posters, brochures etc.) that proudly highlight Social Work’s valued role. Celebrate National Social Work Week activities.	Participate in legislative advocacy related to issues that impact on clients groups and professional practice.	Receive mentoring services for transitioning from school to practice, ethical dilemmas, practice issues and other concerns.
Save on group rates for home insurance and travel insurance. Access extended health and dental insurance plans for BCASW members.	Join BCASW’s networking discussion groups related to your field of practice.	Expand your job search with employment opportunity ads emailed directly to you.	Receive a free subscription to <i>Perspectives</i> , BCASW’s highly regarded newsmagazine.	Benefit from BCASW’s efforts to define Social Work and the work we do to the public, the media, and to government.
Showcase your research at a provincial or national conference.	Receive up to date information about legislative and political issues that affect your practice.	Proudly display your frame-ready BCASW Membership Certificate.	Help shape the future direction of the profession.	Invest in your profession. Make Social Work a career – not simply a job!

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