

**The Marion Secunda Poliakoff Annual Bursary,
Anti-Racism and Cultural Advocacy Committee of BCASW**

Preamble: Marion Secunda Poliakoff was one of the founding members of the Multicultural Concerns Committee of the BCASW which was created in 1977 and became a standing committee of BCASW in 1982. The name of the committee changed over the years and today it is the Anti-Racism and Cultural Advocacy Committee (ARCA) of BCASW.

Marion Poliakoff left a legacy gift to BCASW. BCASW chose to use it as an annual bursary for education in anti-racism related professional development for a BCASW member.

Eligibility:

- Must be a member of BCASW
- Preferably a registered social worker or conform to the legal definition of social work in British Columbia or be a student in a social work program in BC.

Professional Development Activity: This could take the form of attending an in-person conference, or online presentation on anti- racism, cultural diversity and equity issues.

Procedure: The Awards Committee and ARCA Committees will work together to choose the recipient from amongst applications received by January 1st to March 31st of each year. The education to take place between April 1st – December 31st of the year. Members may re-apply for the award the next year if they have not received a BCASW scholarship in the prior year.

The Awards and ARCA Committees have the unilateral right to make decisions with regard to scholarship applications. The committee will review applications electronically.

The amount of bursary will depend on the yearly earnings from the GIC investment of the legacy fund up to a maximum of \$250.00 per year. Applications will be available on the BCASW website or by contacting the BCASW.

<https://www.bcasw.org/benefits-of-membership/cpd-members-page->

Applications will contain the following information:

- Identifying information
- Course description from the course provider including the fees
- Learning objectives
- Proof of payment for the course before the funds will be distributed to the applicant